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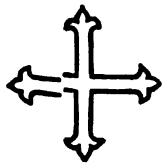

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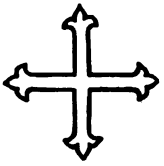

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THE SERVICE—INTRODUCTORY

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH,
Buffalo, N. Y.,
Tuesday, October 17, 1922, 8 P. M.

Preparatory to the Opening of the Third Biennial Convention of The United Lutheran Church in America, delegates-elect from the Constituent Synods, a large number of visitors and many members of the Churches of the Convention City assembled to participate in The Service, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Buffalo, N. Y., on Tuesday evening, October 17, 1922, at eight o'clock. The Order of Public Confession was conducted by the Rev. H. A. Weller and the other clerical members of the Executive Board assisted in The Service and the administration of the Sacrament of the Altar.

In the absence of the President, the Rev. F. H. Knubel, who was detained because of serious illness, the Sermon which had been prepared by him was read by the Rev. M. G. G. Scherer. The text of the Sermon was Matthew 18:20; "Where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them;" the theme, "Purpose of the Church: to make real, effective, the presence of Christ in the world."

FIRST MEETING

Morning Session

Wednesday, October 18, 8:45.

The Convention was called to order by the Rev. Jacob A. Clutz who, in the absence of the President on account of illness, had been appointed by the Executive Board to preside at the opening of the Convention.

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The Rev. L. D. Reed conducted Devotions in the use of the Matin Service. Special prayers were offered for the Convention of The United Lutheran Church and for the speedy recovery of the President from his illness.

The Rev. F. F. Fry, who recently returned from a visit to the Holy Land, presented to the Convention, through its temporary presiding officer, a gavel. Dr. Fry said: "Mr. President, it is my desire and very great pleasure to present to this Convention this gavel for whatever use may be necessary during the sessions. The gavel was brought from Jerusalem, 'the City of the great King.' Its material is just the same as that of the gnarled trees in the Garden of Gethsemane and of the trees that crown the Mount of Olives. I trust sincerely, Mr. President, that you will accept this as the property of The United Lutheran Church in America." Dr. Clutz accepted the gavel and in fitting words gave expression to the thanks of the Convention.

After singing hymn No. 146 the President led the delegates in the use of the Order for the Opening of Synods and declared the Third Convention of The United Lutheran Church in America formally opened.

It was moved and carried, That the Roll of Delegates by Synods be reported as soon as the necessary corrections have been made.

The President called attention to the fact that in the Executive Board's Report (II, B) mention is made of certain newly organized Synods resulting from mergers and stated that action should be taken concerning these Synods before the organization of the Convention could be properly completed. He ruled that if no objection should be raised this part of the Executive Board's Report would be considered at this point. There being no objection the Secretary reported the recommendations of the Executive Board concerning these Synods. The recommendations were approved and the Synods were ordered enrolled.

In connection with the above, item 2 under Synods in General (II, A) concerning the place of new Synods formed through mergers was adopted.

The Roll as corrected follows:

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ROLL OF DELEGATES BY SYNODS

1. Ministerium of Pennsylvania

Organized August 15, 1748

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. H. A. Weller, D.D.	F. A. Achey, M.D.
Rev. E. F. Bachmann, D.D.	Mr. C. M. Berkemeier
Rev. C. G. Beck	Mr. F. D. Bittner
Rev. Prof. C. Theo. Benze, D.D.	Mr. A. Broadmeyer
Rev. C. J. Cooper, D.D.	Mr. H. H. Burdan*
Rev. George Drach, D.D.	Mr. L. Van Gilluwe
Rev. F. T. Esterly	Mr. W. J. Daub
Rev. I. F. Frankenfield	Mr. Chas. H. Esser
Rev. C. L. Fry, D.D.	Mr. John Greiner, Jr.
Rev. George Gebert, D.D.	Mr. W. H. Hager
Rev. G. F. Gehr, D.D.	Mr. Henry Heuer
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	Mr. G. Hultberg
Rev. J. H. Harms, D.D.	Geo. M. Jones, Esq.
Rev. I. C. Hoffman, D.D.	Mr. Sydney R. Kepner
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Rev. Prof. H. Offermann, D.D.	G. E. Schlegelmilch, Esq.
Rev. J. F. Ohl, Mus. D., D.D.	Mr. Oscar Schmidt
Rev. E. P. Pfatteicher, Ph.D., D.D.	Prof. G. F. Ettinger, Ph.D., Litt.D. *
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Rev. Prof. J. C. Seegers, D.D.	J. F. Trexler, M.D.
Rev. P. Geo. Sieger	Mr. Daniel F. Yost
Rev. W. L. Stough	Mr. Luther F. Waidelich
Rev. F. M. Urich	
Rev. J. H. Waidelich, D.D.	

2. Ministerium of New York

Organized October 23, 1786

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. F. H. Bosch	Mr. W. Steinkamp
Rev. H. C. Wasmund	Mr. C. Kleeberg
Rev. J. A. W. Kirsch	Frank A. Kalmbach
Rev. Wm. Drach	Dr. R. Moldenke
Rev. J. A. Weyl	Mr. F. Stuessy

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Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. T. Posselt	Mr. E. Muncke
Rev. F. Sutter	Mr. T. Roehrs
Rev. E. C. J. Kraeling	Mr. P. Ludwig
Rev. H. Brezing	Mr. C. Froehlich
Rev. O. Krauch	Mr. H. Durk
Rev. B. Mehrtens	Mr. M. Wulf
Rev. H. C. Freimuth	Mr. W. Eck
Rev. W. Genzmer	Mr. Aug. Becker
Rev. G. Doering	Mr. F. Greiner
Rev. Yost Brandt	Mr. E. C. Meurer

3. United Synod of North Carolina

**Organized May 2, 1803*

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. Jacob L. Morgan, D.D.	Hon. C. M. Efird
Rev. M. L. Stirewalt, D.D.	Prof. H. L. Mock
Rev. M. M. Kinard, Ph.D., D.D.	Hon. B. Capps
Rev. A. G. Voigt, D.D., LL.D.	Dr. C. E. Reitzel
Rev. R. B. Peery, Ph.D., D.D.	Hon. J. C. Sigmon
Rev. J. F. Crigler	Mr. E. M. Minnick
Rev. J. C. Dietz	Prof. G. F. McAllister
Rev. W. J. Finck, D.D.	Mr. J. A. Cline
Rev. H. B. Schaeffer	Mr. R. G. Rhyne
Rev. E. H. Kohn, Ph.D.	Mr. J. J. George *

* Date of organization of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod and Ministerium of North Carolina which, on March 2, 1921, with the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod (organized July 17, 1820) merged into The United Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina under an amended charter of the former of the two synods which merged.

4. Maryland Synod

Organized October 11, 1820

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. J. S. Simon, D.D.	Mr. F. W. Kakel
Rev. H. H. Beidleman	Mr. Frank Smith
Rev. R. D. Clare, D.D.	L. Russell Alden, Esq.
Rev. A. R. Wentz, Ph.D., D.D.	Harry T. Domer, Esq.
Rev John Weidley, D.D.	Mr. W. W. Doub
Rev. L. M. Zimmerman, D.D.	Mr. S. C. Stoner
Rev. F. U. Gift, D.D.	Mr. T. P. Hickman
Rev. Richard Schmidt	E. W. Herrman, Esq.
Rev. S. T. Nicholas, D.D.	Mr. W. H. Beard
Rev. Henry Manken, Jr.	Mr. J. H. Michael

5. Synod of South Carolina

Organized January 14, 1824

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. H. A. McCullough, D.D.	Prof. S. J. Derrick, LL.D.
Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D.D.	Mr. E. H. Schirmer
Rev. Geo. J. Gongaware, D.D.	Mr. A. H. Kohn
Rev. W. H. Greever, D.D.	B. B. Hare, Esq.
Rev. C. A. Freed, D.D.	Mr. R. C. Counts

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6. Synod of West Pennsylvania

Organized September 5, 1825

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. H. B. Stock, D.D.	Geo. E. Neff, Esq.
Rev. A. R. Steck, D.D.	Mr. A. R. Nissly
Rev. C. E. Arnold	Mr. L. C. Lesher
Rev. G. A. Getty, D.D.	Mr. W. L. Gladfelter
Rev. Henry Anstadt, D.D.	Mr. P. A. Elsesser
Rev. Albert Bell, D.D.	Mr. H. G. Sieling
Rev. E. C. Ruby	Mr. Edward Helb
Rev. J. A. Clutz, D.D., LL.D.	Mr. Alexander Diehl
Rev. Luther Kuhlman, D.D.	G. E. Holtzapple, M.D.

7. Synod of Virginia

**Organized August 10, 1829*

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. J. J. Scherer, Jr., D.D.	Mr. W. T. Stauffer
Rev. J. W. Shuey	Mr. J. A. Alexander
Rev. C. W. Cassell	Mr. N. I. Kagey
Rev. B. S. Brown, Jr.	Mr. H. D. Derrick
Rev. E. H. Copenhaver	Hon. H. L. Bonham
Rev. J. H. Richard	Mr. R. W. Kime
Rev. S. C. Ballentine	Mr. J. S. Etter

*Date of organization of The Evangelical Lutheran Synod and Ministerium of Virginia which, on March 17, 1922, with The Evangelical Lutheran Synod and Ministerium of Southwestern Virginia (composed of the former Evangelical Lutheran Synod and Ministerium of S. W. Va., organized Sept. 20, 1842, and The Evangelical Lutheran Holston Synod, organized Sept. 29, 1860) merged into The United Lutheran Synod of Virginia.

8. Ohio Synod

**Organized November 7, 1836*

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. R. E. Tulloss, Ph.D., D.D.	Hon. John L. Zimmerman, LL.D.
Rev. P. W. Koller, D.D.	Mr. Wm. H. Schauss
Rev. A. J. Holl	Prof. Carl Meyer
Rev. A. L. Benze, D.D.	Mr. J. W. Kahler
Rev. V. G. A. Tressler, Ph.D., D.D.	Mr. Paul Heymann
Rev. A. H. Smith, D.D.	Mr. A. W. Ulrici
Rev. J. H. Dobbyn	Hon. H. W. Harter
Rev. E. W. Simon, D.D.	Mr. F. W. Albrecht
Rev. J. F. Seebach	Mr. I. F. Mellinger
Rev. W. M. Hackenberg	Mr. A. R. Garver
Rev. G. B. Schmitt, D.D.	Mr. C. H. Mueller
Rev. J. E. Zimmerman	Mr. O. W. Kerns
Rev. B. F. Hoefer	Mr. Marvin Lutz
Rev. A. E. Bell	Mr. J. H. Clark
Rev. W. C. Spayde	Mr. Geo. Baker
Rev. J. Sittler, D.D.	Mr. H. B. Belmer
Rev. L. H. Larimer	Mr. A. W. Webber
Rev. E. C. Xander	Prof. Ph. Schneider

*Date of organization of the East Ohio Synod which, on November 3, 1920, with the Synod of Miami (organized October 16, 1844), Wittenberg Synod (organized June 8, 1847) and the District Synod of Ohio (organized August 1857) merged into the Synod of Ohio of The United Lutheran Church in America.

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9. East Pennsylvania Synod

Organized May 2, 1842

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. Henry W. A. Hanson, D.D.	Mr. E. A. Hefflefinger
Rev. A. Pohlman, D.D.	Mr. R. J. Calm
Rev. S. S. Diehl	Mr. John Nice
Rev. L. C. Manges, D.D.	Mr. A. D. Chiquoine
Rev. D. E. Rupley	Mr. A. K. Jacks
Rev. J. F. Hartman, D.D.	Mr. J. A. Dehoff
Rev. A. M. Stamets, D.D.	Mr. H. J. Knoll
Rev. Thos. Reisch, D.D.	George E. Dietrich, M.D.
Rev. Grayson Stup	Mr. Edward Weaver
Rev. J. H. Musselman, D.D.	Mr. Wm. T. Voll
Rev. E. H. Delk, D.D.	Mr. A. M. Landis
Rev. Wm. J. Miller, Jr.	Mr. George W. Radel

10. Alleghany Synod

Organized September 9, 1842

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. C. E. Kuhnert	Mr. J. W. Kildow
Rev. J. M. Rearick	Mr. W. B. Miller
Prof. H. C. Alleman, D.D.	Mr. Fred Sammel
Rev. J. W. Shannon, D.D.	Mr. Charles D. Fritz
Rev C. P. Bastian	Mr. M. G. Smith
Rev. W. H. B. Carney,. D.D.	Mr. George M. Garner
Rev. Isaac Krider	Mr. V. N. Herbster

11. Pittsburgh Synod

Organized January 15, 1845

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. Ellis B. Burgess, D.D.	Robbin B. Wolf, Esq.
Rev. John J. Myers	Hon. A. E. Reiber
Rev. Chas. P. MacLaughlin, D.D.	Prof. O. F. H. Bert
Rev. A. J. Turkle, D.D.	Mr. Charles F. Stifel
Rev George H. Schnur, D.D.	Hon. Charles Young
Rev. E. M. Gearhart	Mr. J. A. Maier
Rev. E. A. Tappert, D.D.	Mr. C. W. Herman Hess
Rev. B. F. Hankey	Mr. J. L. Frederick
Rev. J. Elmer Bittle, D.D.	Mr. John F. Gingenbach
Rev. G. L. Rankin	Mr. F. A. Steber
Rev. E. E. Blint, D.D.	Mr. John A. Hill
Rev. C. A. Dennig	H. C. Hoffman. M.D.
Rev. G. A. Benze, D.D.	Hon. J. W. King
Rev. G. W. Englar, D.D.	Mr. Peter Leemhuis
Rev W. E. Frey	G. F. Greiner, Esq.
Rev. Ambrose Hering	Mr. J. L. Carlson
Rev. M. L. Clare, D.D.	Mr. C. J. Mensch
Rev. G. Arthur Fry	Mr. C. H. Dills
Rev. Theodore Buch	Mr. A. F. Landis
Rev. John J. Hill, D.D.	Mr. I. R. Mayers
Rev. C. M. Teufel	Mr. Reuben Weisgarber

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12. The Indiana Synod

**Organized October 28, 1848*

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. J. B. Gardner	Mr. C. D. Zimmer
Rev. J. P. Miller, D.D.	Mr. H. C. Hasemeier
Rev. W. C. Davis	Mr. A. G. Renau
Rev. H. K. Fenner, D.D.	Mr. J. E. Spiegel
Rev. A. E. Renn, D.D.	Mr. A. L. Feldkircher

*Date of organization of the Olive Branch Synod which, on June 24, 1920, with portions of the Chicago Synod (organized 1896), united to form The Indiana Synod of The United Lutheran Church in America.

13. The Illinois Synod

**Organized September 8, 1851*

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. John M. Bramkamp, D.D.	Mr. C. H. Boyer
Rev. Carroll J. Rockey	Mr. C. J. Driever
Rev. Roger C. Kauffman	Mr. Frederick Sachse
Rev. D. L. McConnell	Mr. Alfred Arnesen
Rev. J. C. Kauffman, D.D.	Mr. Allen J. Hersch
Rev. Geo. P. Kabele	Mr. C. W. Howe
Rev. I. W. Bingaman, D.D.	Mr. Julius C. Skoog
Rev. H. D. Hoover, Ph.D., D.D.	Mr. H. A. Kingsbury
Rev. C. H. Hightower	Mr. C. A. Kober
Rev. H. L. McGill, D.D.	Mr. Fred Dietz

*Date of organization of The Northern Illinois Synod which, on June 10, 1920, with the Central Illinois (organized 1862), portions of the Chicago (organized 1896) and the Southern Illinois (organized 1901) Synods, formed The Illinois Synod of The United Lutheran Church in America.

14. Texas Synod

Organized November 10, 1851

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. F. F. Eberhardt, D.D.	Mr. Joe Pannen

15. Synod of Central Pennsylvania

Organized February 21, 1855

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. A. H. Spangler, D.D.	Mr. Charles A. Widle
Rev. W. M. Rearick, D.D.	Mr. F. M. Crawford
Rev. J. F. Harkins	Hon. C. M. Bower
Rev. W. J. Schultz	Mr. Irwin Baker

16. Mississippi Synod

Organized July 25, 1855

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. M. D. Huddle	Mr. H. G. Hofmann*

17. Synod of Iowa

Organized September 3, 1855

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. J. S. Leamer, D.D.	Hon. U. S. Alderman
Rev. J. O. Simon	Mr. H. A. Mohl
Rev. J. A. Miller	Mr. J. A. Behnke

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18. The Michigan Synod

**Organized October 27, 1855*

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. Courtland Miller	Mr. W. A. Reichert*
Rev. L. S. Keyser, D.D.	Mr. C. E. Etnire
Rev. Alonzo B. Garman	Mr. J. B. Franke
Rev. L. W. Sifferd	Mr. Fred E. Buergin *
Rev. Paul H. Krauss	Mr. W. W. Echel

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19. Synod of Georgia and Adjacent States

Organized July 20, 1860.

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. C. F. W. Hoppe, D.D.	Wm. B. Ahlgren, Esq.
Rev. W. E. Pugh	Mr. J. H. Paulsen

20. Synod of Canada

Organized July 21, 1861

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. O. C. D. Klaehn	Mr. J. Conrad
Rev. O. Stockmann	Mr. A. L. Bitzer, B.A.
Rev. H. Twietmeyer	Mr. L. Peine
Rev. M. Voelker	Mr. Herm. Monk

21. Susquehanna Synod

Organized November 5, 1867

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. C. R. Myers	Mr. Glenn W. Foulke
Rev. J. B. Focht, D.D.	Mr. B. F. Apple
Rev. John Wagner, D.D.	Prof. E. M. Brumgart
Rev. A. W. Smith	Dr. A. M. Hall
Rev. N. S. Wolf	Mr. H. W. App *

22. Synod of Kansas

Organized November 5, 1868

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. B. R. Lantz, D.D.	Mr. L. T. Bang
Rev. C. E. Gardner, D.D.	Mr. J. E. Brewer *
Rev. N. D. Goehring	Mr. J. D. Elder
Rev S. S. Kauffman, D.D.	Mr. Finley Harlow *

23. Synod of Nebraska

Organized September 1, 1871

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. C. B. Harman, D.D.	Mr. H. C. Luckey
Rev. R. A. White	J. H. Miller, M.D.
Rev. J. H. Fetterolf	Mr. G. H. Haase
Rev. W. I. Guss	Mr. A. E. Hecker
Rev. W. T. Kahse	E. A. Van Fleet, M.D.

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24. Wartburg Synod

Organized 1875

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. R. Neumann, D.D.	Mr. John Armbruster
Rev. E. Ortlepp, D.D.	Mr. Louis Christensen
Rev. J. L. Neve, D.D.	Mr. Geo. A. Bosch
Rev. Geo. Schulz	Mr. R. J. Meyer *
Rev. B. Garten, D.D.	Mr. Wm. Heim *

25. German Nebraska Synod

Organized July 24, 1890

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. G. H. Michelmann	Mr. H. S. Monke
Rev. F. Wupper, D.D.	Mr. L. F. Sickmann
Rev. E. Walter	Mr. A. Niemoth *
Rev. J. F. Krueger, Ph.D., D.D.	Mr. H. Imhoff *
Rev. F. Rabe	Mr. John Rohrig
Rev. G. K. Wiencke	Mr. Fr. Iburg *
Rev. M. Schroeder	Mr. W. Leisemeyer
Rev. O. Hausmann	Mr. Rudy Jenny

26. Synod of California

Organized April 2, 1891

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. William H. Derr	Mr. C. L. Birch
Rev. Earnest A. Trabert	C. L. Trabert, Esq.
Rev. John Edward Hoick	Mr. W. J. Gram

27. Rocky Mountain Synod

Organized May 6, 1891

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. R. B. Wolf	Mr. A. F. Sittloh
Rev. H. I. Kohler	Mr. J. E. Robinson

28. Synod of the Northwest

Organized September 22, 1891

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. G. K. Rubrecht, D.D.	Mr. J. W. Jauno
Rev. W. P. Christy	Mr. J. K. Jensen
Rev. Jos. Stump, D.D.	Mr. O. H. Larson
Rev. P. W. Roth	Mr. H. A. Swanson
Rev. J. F. Fedders	Mr. V. L. Johnson
Rev. M. J. Bieber, D.D.	Mr. A. I. Widlund

29. Manitoba Synod

Organized July 16, 1897

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. H. Becker	Prof. H. W. Harms
Rev. T. Hartig	

30. Pacific Synod

Organized September 26, 1901

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. F. W. Bussard	Mr. C. F. Wolf
Rev. W. E. Brinkman	Mr. H. E. Turner

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31. New York and New England Synod

Organized September 23, 1902

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. Samuel G. Trexler, D.D.	Mr. James Gear
Rev. F. A. Kaehler, D.D.	Mr. Frederick Henrich
Rev. F. F. Fry, D.D.	Mr. Robert E. Gaskell
Rev. Hermann F. Miller	Mr. William H. Stackel
Rev. William M. Horn	Mr. C. A. Rockwell
Rev. A. Steimle, D.D.	Prof. R. S. Saby
Rev. C. D. Trexler	Mr. Robert F. Bowe

32. Nova Scotia Synod

Organized July 10, 1913

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. E. V. Nonamaker, B.A. *	Mr. A. L. Ernst *

33. Synod of New York

Organized October 7, 1908

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. C. W. Leitzell, D.D.	Hon. E. F. Eilert
Rev. F. H. Knubel, D.D., LL.D.	Mr. George Crocker
Rev. J. H. Meyer	Mr. H. Albers
Rev. A. E. Deitz, D.D.	Mr. Frank Grumback
Rev. L. F. Wagschal	Mr. Geo. Witt
Rev. J. E. Heindel, D.D.	Mr. F. H. Wefer
Rev. H. D. Shimer	Mr. F. S. Houck
Rev. J. G. Traver, D.D.	Mr. E. E. Parbst *
Rev. F. E. Oberlander, D.D.	Mr. Grant Van Hoesen
Rev. E. J. Flanders	Mr. E. A. Coon
Rev. W. E. Traver	Mr. A. Oberlander
Rev. O. E. Voigt	Mr. Charles H. Dahmer
Rev. E. L. Keller, Ph.D.	Mr. Emery Zimmerman
Rev. E. von Hahmann, Ph.D.	Mr. Wm. Reiffel

34. Central Canada Synod

Organized November 11, 1908

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. Jacob Maurer, D.D.	Mr. J. C. Casselman

35. Synod of West Virginia

Organized April 17, 1912

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. Roy J. Meyer	Mr. J. C. Kephart
Rev. D. P. T. Crickenberger	Mr. C. W. Nolte

36. The Slovak Lutheran "Zion" Synod

Organized June 10, 1919

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. L. Novomesky, Ph.D.	Samuel Lichner, M.D.
Rev. M. F. Benko	Mr. C. L. Orbach

*After a name = absent.

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Dr. Clutz, the temporary presiding officer, made a statement from the Chair concerning the illness of President Knubel. He stated further that the Executive Board had thought best to refer to the Convention the matter of the election of a President pro tem.

Thereupon the Rev. J. A. W. Haas nominated, as Acting Chairman of this Convention, the Rev. Ellis B. Burgess, President of the Pittsburgh Synod. This nomination was seconded and unanimously carried.

Dr. Burgess was escorted to the Chair by Drs. J. A. W. Haas and S. G. Trexler and in a brief address signified his acceptance of the duties to which he was called by the Convention.

By action of the Convention the Secretary forwarded the following resolution to President Knubel:

In view of the serious illness of the President of The United Lutheran Church in America, preventing his attendance at the opening of this Convention, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we express our sincere sympathy with Dr. Knubel and deep regret at his inability to be present with us.

That the prayers of the members of the Convention be made to God incessantly for his speedy recovery.

That we convey to him the joyous hope that he may be permitted to be with us for at least the larger part of the Convention.

That these resolutions be conveyed to Dr. Knubel by the Secretary of this Convention.

The Acting President announced that the Rev. E. C. Cronk, D.D., had been appointed Assistant to the Secretary.

Upon motion the reports as published in the Bulletin were received to be acted upon in their due order.

Upon motion the Order of Business as presented in the Bulletin was approved.

A ruling made by President Knubel ad interim, concerning an amendment to the By-Laws (Section V. Sub-section B, item 4) adopted at the Washington Convention, was read as follows:

At the Washington Convention an amendment was made to the By-Laws concerning the membership of men on two boards of the Church. After the conclusion of the Washington Convention I discovered that the same provision exists in the Constitution of The United Lutheran Church

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in America. It occurred to me at once that no amendment of the By-Laws could be of any force so long as a provision of the Constitution existed with which this amendment to the By-Laws is in conflict. I therefore felt an impossibility to enforce the amendment to the By-Laws as adopted at Washington, and would now hereby formally declare the amendment to the By-Law adopted at Washington null and void because of its conflict with the Constitution.

In order to assure myself as to the right of such a ruling on my part, I undertook to ask the advice of the Commission of Adjudication upon this matter. They have kindly given their advice which approves of my ruling. Their advice will be found in their report to this Convention.

The ruling was accepted without question or objection.

The Chair announced the Special Committees for the Convention as follows:

Nominating Committee No. 1

Rev. W. L. Stough, Chm.	Mr. Henry Heuer
Rev. H. C. Wasmund	Dr. A. M. Hall
Rev. O. C. D. Klaehn	Mr. H. E. Turner
Rev. Courtland Miller	Prof. Carl Meyer
Rev. B. R. Lantz	William B. Ahlgren, Esq.
Rev. H. K. Fenner	E. W. Herrmann, Esq.
Rev. W. H. Derr	Hon. B. Capps
Rev. H. Becker	Mr. O. H. Larson

to make nominations to fill vacancies in the following Boards: Foreign Mission, Home Mission and Church Extension, Northwestern Mission, Immigrants Mission, West Indies Mission, Education, Inner Mission, Publication, Ministerial Relief, Parish and Church School, Deaconess Work and Committee on Jewish Missions.

Nominating Committee No. 2

Rev. J. L. Morgan, Chm.	Mr. R. W. Kime
Rev. S. G. Trexler	C. L. Trabert, Esq.
Rev. J. F. Fedders	Hon. Charles Young
Rev. F. M. Urich	Mr. S. R. Kopner
Rev. F. F. Eberhardt	W. Steinkamp, Esq.
Rev. A. L. Benze	Mr. C. F. Wolf
Rev. J. B. Gardner	Prof. S. J. Derrick
Rev. S. S. Diehl	Mr. Alfred Arnesen
Rev. W. E. Traver	

to make nominations to fill vacancies on the following Boards, etc.:

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Executive Board, Commission of Adjudication, Committee on Church Papers.

Nominating Committee No. 3

Rev. W. M. Rearick, Chm.	Mr. H. C. Luckey
Rev. Roy J. Meyer	Prof. O. F. H. Bert

to make nominations to fill vacancies in the Executive Committee of the Laymen's Missionary Movement.

Tellers' Committee No. 1

Mr. B. F. Apple, Chm.	Mr. Frank Smith
Mr. J. K. Jensen	Mr. A. F. Sittloh
Mr. Charles F. Stifel	Mr. Daniel Wertz
Mr. T. Rohrs	

Tellers' Committee No. 2

Mr. L. C. Lesher, Chm.	Mr. A. R. Nisely
Mr. E. A. Hefflefinger	Prof. Ph. Schneider
Mr. J. H. Paulsen	Mr. Luther F. Waidelich
Mr. H. D. Derrick	

Tellers' Committee No. 3

Mr. L. T. Bang, Chm.	Mr. J. A. Casselman
Mr. W. J. Gram	Mr. H. D. Derrick
Prof. H. L. Mock	Mr. J. C. Skoog
Mr. M. W. Lutz	

Tellers' Committee No. 4

Mr. W. B. Miller, Chm.	Mr. Robbin B. Wolf
Mr. Frank Grumback	Mr. Grant Hultberg
Mr. C. W. Nolte	Mr. G. F. McAllister
Mr. A. W. Ulrici	Mr. Joseph W. Kahler
Mr. C. E. Etmire	Mr. George E. Neff
Mr. William Snyder	Mr. A. F. Sittloh
Mr. H. A. Kingsbury	Mr. A. H. Kohn
Capt. H. M. M. Richards	Mr. R. C. Counts
Mr. C. F. Stifel	Mr. J. S. Etter

Tellers' Committee No. 5

Mr. Frederick Henrich, Chm.	Mr. Harry Hodges
Mr. Joseph W. Kahler	Mr. J. S. Etter
Mr. Peter Leemhuis	Mr. A. D. Chiquoine
Mr. W. H. Schauss	Mr. H. L. Bonham
Prof. S. J. Derrick	Mr. R. W. Kime

Committee on Proceedings of Constituent Synods

Rev. C. P. MacLaughlin, Chm.	Rev. R. Neumann
Rev. J. J. Schindel	Dr. R. Moldenke
Rev. C. J. Rockey	Mr. Oscar Schmidt

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Rev. W. I. Guss	Hon. C. M. Bower
Rev. J. S. Leamer	Dr. George E. Dietrich
Rev. C. E. Kuhnert	Mr. F. S. Houck
Rev. J. B. Focht	Mr. H. S. Monke
Rev. A. R. Steck	Mr. J. A. Dehoff
Rev. C. D. Trexler	Mr. B. B. Hare

To this Committee were referred letters and memorials.

Committee on President's Report

Rev. E. M. Gearhart, Chm.	L. Russell Alden, Esq.
Rev. M. Voelker	Prof. G. F. McAllister
Rev. C. B. Harman	Mr. W. C. Seitz
Rev. A. H. Spangler	Mr. Frederick Sachse
Rev. E. H. Copenhaver	Mr. John E. Snyder
Rev. H. Manken, Jr.	Mr. A. K. Jacks
Rev. L. Novomesky	Hon. U. S. Alderman
Rev. J. F. Crigler	Mr. George Witt
Rev. G. H. Michelmann	Mr. John H. Keiser

Committee of Reference and Counsel

Rev. P. W. Koller, Chm.	Rev. Luther Kuhlman
Rev. I. B. Kurtz	Prof. R. S. Saby
Rev. Ambrose Hering	Hon. J. W. King
Rev. J. G. Traver	Mr. M. L. March
Rev. J. F. Hartman	Mr. H. C. Hasemeier
Rev. J. Maurer	Mr. J. L. Frederick
Rev. W. E. Pugh	Dr. J. F. Trexler
Rev. R. B. Wolf	

This Committee was appointed to consider all general resolutions before they were submitted to the Convention; to arrange with the President for the hearing of representatives sent to the Convention; generally to assist the President in the daily program.

Committee on Devotional Services

The Standing Committee on Church Music. Its duties being to name and secure men to conduct opening and closing devotions at the several sessions of the Convention.

Committee on Leave of Absence

Rev. J. F. Seebach, Chm.	Rev. I. W. Bingaman
Rev. Albert Bell	Mr. J. Conrad
Rev. W. J. Miller, Jr.	Mr. J. W. Kildow
Rev. B. Mehrtens	Mr. J. A. Behnke
Rev. M. D. Huddle	Mr. J. H. Michael

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Rev. W. E. Brinkman	Mr. G. H. Haase
Rev. G. K. Wiencke	Mr. R. C. Counts
Rev. E. J. Flanders	Mr. Wm. Heim

On motion of the Rev. J. A. W. Haas it was resolved that the precedent of the Washington Convention be followed and that all resolutions be referred to the Committee of Reference and Counsel before being presented to the Convention. On motion of the Rev. J. A. Clutz it was ordered also that all applications to present greetings or causes be placed in the hands of the Committee.

The Secretary requested on behalf of the Executive Board permission to add an item to its report to be numbered item 3 in the section referring to Boards and Elective Committees (III, A). Permission having been granted the item was read as follows:

3. Concerning Ad Interim Elections:

We recommend—

(a.) That this Convention rescind the action taken at Washington whereby the rule was adopted that ad interim elections could be effective only until the next Convention thereafter; and

(b.) The establishment now and by this action of the rule, that the ad interim election of a member of a Board shall continue effective until the expiration of the term for which his predecessor was elected, or until his membership is otherwise terminated.

(c.) That this rule shall apply to ad interim elections which have been made during the second biennium.

(d.) That hereafter all regular elections be for a term of six years according to the By-Laws (V, B, item 2), except that members of the Executive Board shall be regularly elected for a term of four years according to the Constitution. (Art. XI, Sec. 2).

On motion the item was at once taken up for consideration. The recommendation to reconsider was laid on the table.

The official Minutes of the Second Biennial Convention of The United Lutheran Church in America were approved.

The Report of the President was received and it was announced that copies of it might be obtained at the Secretary's desk.

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REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

The By-Laws require that the President shall in his report summarize the general situation of the Church.

In obedience to that requirement, an important fact is to be noted concerning the external organization of the Church. It may be summarized in the word *Orderliness*. The harmony and efficiency of organization contemplated in our Constitution has during the biennium become more fully and more widely understood, developed and followed. This process has caused question here and there, the particular inquiry being as to whether a dangerous centralization might not develop. It has also been asked whether our form of government is not quite different from that existing in the previous General Bodies which established the United Lutheran Church. It should therefore be frankly stated that our organization is a more centralized one. It is, however, not essentially new, being merely the culmination of principles and tendencies formulated and practiced by the three constituting Bodies. Careful study of constitutions and facts will reveal this.

It is easy to criticise the idea of orderly organization, since at its best it establishes merely a machine. In itself it possesses no power to do work. However, there are ideals even in organization. It is the glory of our Constitution that it possesses an ideal. Its very heart is found among the "Objects" (Article VI) of the organization: "To express outwardly the spiritual unity of Lutheran congregations and synods." The contemplation of that "object," of that intention to express outwardly a great spiritual fact, must stir every heart which knows that there is but one true Church and that it continues ever in unity. What impulses are soon awakened by such contemplation that our Church shall worthily express in outward form that true Church? Among the endless deductions one may make he must realize that the U. L. C. A. does not exist merely during its biennial conventions of ten days each, after which each Constituent Synod returns to its independent existence. It cannot be that after a meeting of a Constituent Synod adjourns each congregation takes up a separated life as if there were no Synod and no United Lutheran Church. The life of congregations is continuously a part in the life of all other congregations. The same is true of the life of the Synods. The work which the various executive agencies (Boards and Committees and Commissions) of the U. L. C. A. are continuously carrying on is the work of each congregation and of each Synod just as truly as its own special operations in a community or a State. It is much needed that our people become more fully conscious of this *unity* and *continuity* of their whole Church. They must have the consciousness that they are members of a larger fellowship than merely that of their congregations. This will strengthen congregations also. It will be understood that the whole Church is to strengthen each congregation and vice versa. There is such a thing as congregational selfishness; it exists among us. Only congregations which have far reaching tasks will fully inspire men.

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As has been implied, the *continuity* of the U. L. C. A. between conventions is manifested through its many executive agencies. It is their duty as Boards, etc., continuously to investigate the possibilities of their special department, then to educate the Church, and then to follow out what the conventions authorize. These many agencies have differing tasks of a special character. It is therefore true that they cannot manifest the *unity* of the U. L. C. A. between conventions. Such manifestation is provided through the officers, the Executive Board, and the Commission of Adjudication.

There is one great danger to be guarded against when any increase of centralization takes place in an organization. It is that of a standardization of the units in the Body, whereby individual initiative is hampered and the value of varied individual attainments is lost. Our Church in its greater orderliness must be guarded against that danger. A greatly centralized Church will easily develop detailed prescriptions to the congregational units as to their methods of work, their organized societies and activities, etc. The congregational life then becomes standardized. Wherever one travels, each congregation of that Church is a complete copy of all other congregations. As to this possibility, several remarks must be made. There are organized groups of Christians in existence where such actual centralization has become stereotyped. By this method the work of congregations and pastors is made easier, since everything is prescribed for them. Apparently also this dead uniformity promotes growth in numbers. Its vital mistake is that it presumes the problems and possibilities of congregations to be alike. As a matter of fact, they are different and cannot be solved by the same methods. Congregations possess inherent individuality, which demands the consecrated and intense study of pastor and people. The many solutions of individual problems are added wealth for the Church as a whole. Let not this report be understood as suggesting that our Church has because of increased centralization developed a monotonous sameness in its congregations. We possess too exaggerated an individualism in that respect. There are certain manifestations of Lutheran congregational life which are typical and ought to be seen everywhere. It would be possible and interesting to designate such marks of a Lutheran congregation, growing out of our principles. Would that all our congregations possessed them. All that has been said here concerning the danger of contralization has been stated above all in order to reveal that the danger does not exist among us. It is true that our congregations are not grappling in sufficient earnestness with their individual problems, but their individuality is being maintained by them all too well. It is a further indication of the admirable orderliness of our organization that we possess a fundamental check upon the danger of centralization.

That check is provided by the existence and the powers of the Constituent Synods. They possess "State rights" which the central organization may not touch. Only such powers does the U. L. C. A. possess as are prescribed in the Constitution. It is above all the right of the Synods to deal with

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the congregations and pastors. Although the congregations (and, indeed, the individual believers) are truly of themselves members of the U. L. C. A., that Church commits the regulation of congregations to the Synods. How then can dangerous centralization, as described in the previous paragraph (standardized congregational life), take place? It is satisfactory to report that a review of the Synods reveals that this principle of Synodical rights is developing. It has not as yet been fully studied by all of the Synods. Some of them, for instance, need to appreciate more fully the responsibility which is theirs. They exercise no real oversight of congregations and pastors. They manifest too little initiative. They are not in close enough contact with the operations and the needs on their own territory from the Boards of the U. L. C. A. They are not studying the special problems of their own districts. They are inclined to "lie down upon the Government," passing responsibilities to the U. L. C. A., as though it were an organization outside of themselves, meanwhile failing to support its operations fully in a financial way. As over against these instances, others might be cited where in various ways synodical independence presents an exaggerated appearance, where full regard for the rights of the whole Church seems to be slighted. No special Synods have been in mind in the above descriptions. They represent accumulated impressions. They are composite photographs. Ours is a delicate, worth-while problem to solve, when adjusting the orderly relations of Synods in a General Body. There are no "counsels of perfection" to advise as yet.

While we are studiously at work upon the *Orderliness* of our Church, let every prayerful effort be bent to prevent inner antagonisms upon that subject. Let China, India and Ireland be pictures to us of the ruinousness of such antagonisms.

This report has hitherto aimed to summarize the general situation of the Church only in so far as its organization is concerned. The Church is, however, also an organism, instinct with life. Its outward form aims, as stated, to express a spiritual reality. However fine the organization, that alone cannot command enthusiastic loyalty. Genuine morale can exist only if there be, for instance, an inner unity, a positive program, an inspiring aim, a consciousness of destiny. What is the situation as to the inner life of our Church?

There are as usual many condemnations of the whole Christian Church today. Many pictures of her deplorable inner state are painted by men who are of the Church. A brief and typical example, sweeping in character, is that from a new book by Prof. E. F. Scott, of Union Theological Seminary: "It cannot be denied that in all the Christian countries there has been a marked decline of the religious spirit during the last fifty years." We are told also that men no longer criticise the Church, they simply ignore it. Staggering figures are massed to reveal the educational inefficiency of the Church. It is pointed out that the youth of today are mentally in chaos,

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bewildered by the world's contentment with a mere appearance of righteousness, its purposeless pleasure, its superficial thinking, and its selfish work. It is widely proclaimed that the Church in all lands failed in recent years, when it sanctioned and blessed war, saying to statesmen what they wanted to hear and not what they needed to hear; says the Editor of the Episcopal Churchman, "The Church aids and abets this bestial business in which every government engages in the time of war, of blasting people's souls with the indecencies of hate." The most thought-provoking fact that can be adduced to prove the Church's inner decay is the unquestionable and seemingly almost complete disappearance of family religion.

When the worst has been said, it does not seem necessary to accept the sweeping adverse judgment concerning the Church. At least as concerns our own Church we ought to make more careful examination of the situation.

What is it which the Church must provide for men? A statement from Prof. Harry E. Fosdick led to that question. He said the Church must give men an explanation of life, power to overcome material things, and restoration of soul. Beautiful though that answer read, it is far from complete. She must provide men with a faith and a service, a faith in Christ and a service of and for Christ. It must be a faith which is to be confessed and which provides vision for men (vision in the sense of inspiring certainty). It must be a service which demands industry and which will cultivate a spirit of Christian piety. Let us aim to test the Church in general and our own Church in particular as to both of these provisions.

First, the faith in Christ, which is to be confessed and which provides vision (inspiring certainty). Unquestionably there exists in the Christian Church as a whole a strong tendency to criticise a confessed faith. It takes the form of a steady attack upon the value of creeds. In a very subtle way it tells us that the New Testament is sufficient as a creed. Since it is realized that this can never satisfy the Christian impulse to confess the truth, the tendency mentioned generally continues its attack by asserting that we need "a new presentation of Christianity." In many publications and spoken utterances we are told that the existing forms of Christian confession are contrary in essential matters to the advanced Christian knowledge of the present. The many calls and arguments for this proposed new presentation of our religion will be found to lack definiteness in what they offer us to believe, but we can make a sincere attempt to summarize their teachings. An analysis reveals that the new teachings are marked in varying degrees by two complementing ideas. On the one hand they minimize the supernatural elements of our religion, including especially the facts of *revelation* and *redemption* as the Church has long believed them. Turning away from any genuine adherence to a supernatural revelation in the Scriptures and from a supernatural redemption in Christ's atonement, they on the other hand propose that we believe in a God immanent in humanity, developing along the ages an increasing realization by mankind of what He truly is. Thus in man's own life is He *revealing* Himself progressively. Thus is He *redeeming* man by working out through His indwelling an ever

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more perfect humanity This evolutionary conception of revelation and redemption is naturally modified by its milder adherents. Above all do they constantly find themselves unable to explain satisfactorily by any ideas of natural development and environment the marvels of the first Christian century; i. e., the marvel of the Person of Jesus and the marvel of the New Testament. None of them will be found, however, professing any clear-cut adherence to the truths of inspiration, of Jesus Christ as God, of a complete redemption in His life and death. Tracing this analysis of the new teachings to their root idea we discover that this new presentation of Christianity is after all only one more instance of the glorification of man, of the exaltation of the powers of man's mind, of the deification of the human. The old presentation of Christianity, as we know, begins with truths not complimentary to man. It ought now be plainly manifest that the new presentation, attacking a confessed faith, ends with a faith that has no vision in the sense of inspiring certainty and above all with a faith in Christ which sees Him as little more than a great teacher and an inspiring master. This, as stated at the beginning of this paragraph, is not the faith which the Church must provide for man.

We are witnessing in the Church in America a satisfactory reaction against these tendencies. It is commonly called "fundamentalism." In general it deserves sympathy. However, it is not rounded in its conceptions and is generally marked by some objectionable exaggerations.

What now is the situation of our own Church as to this matter of faith? Let us not suppose that we have been entirely uninfluenced by what is going on around us. One need only question the people of our Church to discover that the cry against creeds finds some echoes from them. Confessions seem to be things of indifference to a number of them. So widespread also is the literature which presents the new Christianity that inevitably our pastors have unconsciously absorbed some of its attractive formulations. They need to be on their guard in their borrowings from that literature. The facts which we have been presenting make it very clear, as Bishop Ihmels warns, that our Church must emphasize that she is a confessing Church. In showing that this is the true course for the Church, he points out once more how in the very beginning the Apostles stood forth with their witness concerning Jesus, baptized in Jesus' Name, and gathered around the confession of Him. "God Himself," he says, "opened the mouth of the Church." In emphasizing, however, the importance of confession and of Confessions we must exercise care as a Church that our message be understandable by all. The mere repetition of the formulas of the Confessions in the language of past centuries does not constitute a living witness in the sermons of today. Only through living witness will the faith which is confessed also provide vision, inspiring certainty. In the emphasis upon our intention to be a confessing Church, we ought also to re-emphasize that the title orthodox is not something of which one need be ashamed. Some day the recent fact of the glorious stand of the Gossner Mission in India for

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Lutheran orthodoxy will find a place in Church history. Would our Church here stand the test as did that Mission?

The previous paragraph has asserted that inevitably our people have felt the influence of the new theology. It has also appealed that we reassert a living devotion to the idea of a confession of our faith and to our Confessions. It did not declare what our actual situation is. Let it then be clearly stated that the situation of the United Lutheran Church in America as concerns the faith should make our hearts thankfully glad. There are no teachers in our seminaries who have departed from our Confessions. They believe them from the heart. If there is a pastor among us who consciously advocates "the new presentation of Christianity," our Church does not want him. As for our people, it is manifest that they are becoming clearer as to the fact that our Church is standing firm amid the bewilderments of others, and they are glad it is so. We continue to sing as a Church, "Let Christ be all in all," and when we thus sing of Him we know Him as Savior and God.

We may turn now, in the second place, to speak of the inner life of our Church so far as service is concerned. It was said that the Church must provide men with a faith and a service, and that this service must be of and for Christ, must demand industry, and must cultivate a spirit of Christian piety. In this matter of service we again find that in the Christian Church as a whole something new is being called for today. It is commonly called the "Social Gospel." It appeals for "Social Service." Its fundamental claim is that the Church has hitherto confined itself to the service of the individual man, converting him, and then sending him out as good leaven in society. It asserts that the Church owes another and a greater service to humanity. It must directly help the collective groups of men, organized as men are in communities and nations, in industrial and other fellowships. The idea is that the Church ought to guide these groups, whatever they may be, so that they will act as groups in accordance with the principles of Christian morality. This influence directly upon the groups should be exerted by the Church altogether independent of any question as to how large a percentage of the groups is avowedly Christian. It is regarded as sufficient that the groups exist in supposedly Christian nations. As one watches the processes of this movement, it is notable that the purpose is to have the Church go much further than the effort to guide these groups to an adoption of moral principles. Even the application of such principles in minutely detailed economic and political and social prescriptions is urged upon the groups. The Church must enter into the entire study of political and economic science. The Church must also aim to have the prescriptions enacted into law. The glorious outcome of this entire service, when nations and communities and other groups accept and act by such principles, will be, it is asserted, the existence of the Kingdom of God among men.

This new idea of the Church's service has gained great vogue. It possesses some thoughts which are true for the activity of the Church. Unquestionably, for instance, the Church must guide and instruct its own mem-

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bers more explicitly in the application of their Christianity to their citizenship, their daily work, and all the ways of life. Likewise the Church must definitely proclaim from the housetops the principles of Christian morality. The Church should also speak in any public crisis, when it can fearlessly utter a message directly from God's Word in such crisis. However, in all such testimony the Church's message is one which has as its single aim repentance. It is not speaking merely to condemn, to have laws enacted, to coerce men. Yet the path of the "Social Gospel" seems to end entirely in just those things. And this supposedly will be the Kingdom of God! The crucial mistake is that it is supposed the Kingdom of God has come, when God's will is *done*. That is not true. It is not His Kingdom unless His will is also *loved*. The Church cannot be serving Jesus Christ unless it is converting men to love God and His will, which is not true of them as they naturally are. The fact of the matter is that the "Social Gospel" is yet one more instance of the exaltation of man as he is by nature. It does not recognize his unwillingness for God, his sinfulness. It does not know that men gathered in their groups do not want God's will. "Social Service" never had a more able and eloquent advocate than Rauschenbusch. He frankly acknowledged that Social Christianity "may teach a more lenient theory of sin."

Our own Church has been thankfully learning from this movement the true things mentioned in the early part of the last paragraph. It has refused, however, to believe that this is more than a part of the whole service which the Church must provide for men. Thinking now of that whole service, what is the situation in our Church? Two years ago the President's report classified our necessary service as threefold—Evangelism, Education, Serving Love. (Let it be said in passing that the true ideas in the "Social Gospel" belong under the third of these headings.)

It was said in beginning this division that the service which the Church is to provide for men must cultivate a spirit of Christian piety. We may therefore now ask as to the types of piety which each of the three kinds of service cultivates. That will then help us to some judgment of the state of the Church in its service. Do we possess the piety which a full service inevitably cultivates? It is very clear, for instance, that a Church which is rightly carrying on its evangelistic, its missionary endeavors will inevitably cultivate in its whole life and in the life of its people the spirit of the pioneer, the spirit that is heroic. There must be the constant longing for fresh conquest, there must be the readiness for brave deeds, there must be the willingness in Christ's Name to attempt the impossible. That is evangelism.

When we turn to the Church's educational work we discover that if truly carried on it develops something quieter in piety, but something equally inspiring and strong. It is here that devotion to the ideal comes in, for education rightly defined is the cultivation of ideals. There are also further results, since devotion to the ideal inevitably creates purpose in life. Last of all with education the piety of the Church gains the wonderful element

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of confidence. Recently President Faunce, of Brown University, said that the college student must carry from a college horizon and mastery. Meaning practically the same, we prefer instead of those two to speak of the ideal and of confidence. He omitted entirely, however, that education if true produces purpose. These three mark pre-eminently the piety which is cultivated by Christian education.

Third, we think of our merciful service, of serving love. Whoever studies the history of such service discovers certain unchanging marks of piety in those who were especially given to it and in the operations they carried in. Always one marks the mystical (think of the Inner Mission leaders of Germany, of Dr. Barnardo in England, of Passavant in America, of the deaconesses everywhere); from that inevitably arises the unselfish; out of the unselfish springs the practical. Only one intervening step between the mystical and the practical, though at the first mention of the two they seem and are commonly considered to be opposites. (Let it be said here again in passing that "Social Service," which belongs under this heading, possesses the unselfish and the practical. It has lost the mystical, and so has lost all.)

What a service, what a spirit, what a piety for a Church to possess. Heroic, poineer, ideal, purposeful, confident, mystical, unselfish, practical. Does our Church possess it? We recognize instantly that we are lacking much. We cannot be content with the situation so far as our service is concerned. Shall we not call upon all our missionary, our evangelistic Boards to lead us in heroism, in pioneering? Shall we not insist that our educational agencies guide us to the ideal, to purpose, and to confidence? Will not our appointed commissions of serving love teach us the mystical, the unselfish and the practical? What ideal congregations ours might thus be. We hear the testimonies of our failures when our people go away from home congregations to institutions of learning, to business demands elsewhere, etc. Must we not ask whether we are wholly religious with our Lutheranism? Is our service unqualifiedly of Christ and for Christ? While we humbly confess our faults, let us pray for one another and for our Church as a whole.

A final word in this matter. We said in beginning that the service we provide must also be one that demands industry. Surely we see from the description of our service just given that this is true. In the service we must have the industrious hearts and brains and hands of all our people. We must learn more fully as a Church to provide service for them all. Our pastors likewise must be industrious. Are they not so now? Who of us has ever aimed to be truly a pastor without knowing how much there is which calls us and which fritters our efforts away and which dissipates our lives? We must learn to pick more carefully the things which are ours in our task and bravely refuse all else which enticingly lures us.

The attempt to describe the situation of the Church has been concluded. May our Lord help us to understand our Church the better, to develop our

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confession and our piety in service and our type of Christian congregation, and to be loyal where He has called us.

A few brief statements must be added to this report since the By-Laws require that the President shall report also his work during the biennium. If desired, this can be done in detail. However, it has been his policy to do nothing of importance without consultation with the other officers and without, furthermore, full report to the Executive Board. Indeed, in almost all instances that entire Board has been consulted in advance. Thus it is that everything he has done finds a natural place in the report of that Board. He would testify once more to the readiness of these brethren, to the mighty strength of their support, and to the unanimity of all vital decisions. It is a matter of the heart's testimony in saying that bonds of loving gratitude have grown even stronger. The Church as a whole has been wonderful in its consideration and its helpfulness; it is simple truth to say that without this the work would have been almost impossible, but that with it the work has been a daily joy. As is true of every Christian, I cannot tell how much the Lord has been; He is the Keeper of us all.

Attendances at meetings of Synods and Boards, conferences, travels, correspondence, etc., have been just all that was possible.

It is a pleasure to report that the details of merging the agencies of the three General Bodies have practically been completed. A few items need attention and will be covered by the agencies concerned probably within a month after the new biennium begins.

Although the actual date has passed by, it seemed well that some note should be made by this Convention of the Four Hundredth Anniversary of the completion of Luther's translation of the New Testament. Prof. H. C. Alleman, D.D., our representative to the American Bible Society, will speak upon the subject at the opening of Friday afternoon's session.

In conference with the Committee on Linguistic Interests arrangements were made during the biennium for the meeting of a German Conference in Buffalo during October, 1921. That committee will make report concerning the same.

The following resignations from standing committees were received: Prof. H. C. Offerman, D.D., from the Committee on Linguistic Interests; Rev. W. E. Stahler, D.D., from the Necrological Committee; Rev. R. L. Patterson, D.D., from the Necrological Committee. Rev. P. Mennenoeh was appointed a member of the Necrological Committee.

Having reached the order for the election of President and Secretary the Chair ruled that it was within the power of the Convention to postpone the special order.

On motion of Mr. E. F. Eilert the election of a President and

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Secretary was postponed until a time to be fixed by the Committee of Reference and Counsel.

The Treasurer of The United Lutheran Church presented his report. The Report was adopted.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH

for the Fiscal Year Ended July 31st, 1921.

APPORTIONMENT AND SPECIALLY DESIGNATED FUNDS.

Synods:	Paid on Apportionment	Paid on Specials
Ministerium of Pennsylvania	$191,472.39	$4,354.76
Ministerium of New York	32,143.71	3,363.10
North Carolina	13,689.10	103.00
Tennessee	7,638.00	1,201.10
Maryland	60,654 81	245.50
South Carolina	19,132.37	2,417.50
West Pennsylvania	61,142.00	9,624.35
Virginia	9,433.41	1,357.13
East Ohio	10,386.63	3,497.00
Allegheny	52,909.00	4,661.00
East Pennsylvania	71,381.09	10,979.42
Southwestern Virginia	4,600.00	145.26
Miami	6,700.00	70.00
Wittenberg	16,229.78	.....
Texas	1,041.75	.....
Central Pennsylvania	20,726.00	.....
Iowa	7,085.45	117.38
Mississippi	364.87	8.52
District of Ohio	3,162.62	70.00
Georgia	9,930.00	244.81
Holston	2,181.00	34.37
Canada	8,150.63	2,772.97
Susquehanna	37,722.00	2,662.00
Kansas	11,406.57	144.20
Nebraska	17,093.06	1,505.28
Wartburg	3,572.86	300.00
California	7,219.50	32.00
Rocky Mountain	2,928.40	928 85
German Nebraska	3,900.64	434.35
Northwest	14,848.01	1,167.43
Pacific	2,087.77	97.25
New York and New England	42,000.00	1,944.04
Nova Scotia	1,382.16	17.30
New York	37,090.75	1,559.24
Central Canada	1,972.83	68.70
West Virginia	8,417.00	471.27
Pittsburgh	99,324.23	1,619.98
Indiana	12,207.00	2,234.92
Illinois	$39,800.00	$4,150.93
Michigan	15,756.36	932.43
Ohio	45,000.00	8,573.43

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Synods:	Paid on Apportionment	Paid on Specials
Zion Slovak	322.22	.....
Zion Lutheran Church, Canton, Ohio	200.00	.....
St. John's Ancram	60.10	.....
Church of the Holy Comforter	101.02	.....
Women's Missionary Society	.....	165,288.99
Board of Northwestern Missions	.....	1,161.05
Augustana	.....	121,85
Miscellaneous	.....	2,271.43
	$1,014,567.09	$242,954.09

Paid on Apportionment	$1,014,567.09
Undistributed Balance of July 31, 1920	1,657.80
	$1,016,224.89
Distributed in accordance with the basis of The United Lutheran Church Budget	1,015,254.56
Undistributed Balance, July 31, 1921	$970.33

THE UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH TREASURY.

Receipts.

Proportion of Apportionment	$30,624.00	
Proceeds from sale of Securities	4,277.88	
Bank Interest	3,302.14	
Income from Investments	226.25	
Lutheran Bureau	60.00	
Board of Publication	500.00	
Ministerium of New York	25.00	
East Pennsylvania	9.00	
California	19.00	
Rocky Mountain	60.51	
Nebraska, German	50.00	
Pittsburgh	1.00	
		$39,154.78

Expenditures.

Salaries: President	$5,958.32
Secretary	3,958.34
Clerks	3,897.65
Traveling Expense	686.50
Traveling Expense	164.99
General Expense	296.48
Printing and Stationery	899.55
Postage	91.24
Rent	3,283.41
Treasurer's Expense	403.35
Telephone	19.73
Executive Board	1,049.17
Common Service Book Committee	137.71

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Committee on Federal Council	$166.49	
Necrology Committee	147.17	
Statistical and Year Book Committee	167.55	
Women's Work Committee	41.00	
Convention Expense	19,675.90	
Lutheran Brotherhood Committee	3,286.21	
Committee on Synods	6.00	
Sunday School Board	167.85	
Chicago Seminary Arbitration Committee	1,072.00	
Church Music Committee	56.93	
Board of Parish and Church Schools	306.79	
Committee on Moral and Social Welfare	117.26	
Committee on Survey and Co-ordination	57.32	
Church Paper Committee	23.00	
Committee on Publicity	544.38	
Committee on Evangelism	185.42	
Church Architecture Committee	92.54	
Special Commissions	135.00	
Work Among Boys' Committee	176.47	
Young People's Association Committee	162.25	
Publication of Minutes	4,148.79	
Committee of Adjudication	262.69	
Committee on Book of Family Devotion	10.00	
		$51,855.45
Overdrawn		$12,700.67
Balance, U. L. C. Treasury Account, July 31, 1920		5,561.12
Overdrawn, July 31, 1921		$7,139.55
Balance of Apportionment Fund		$ 970.33
Balance of Cover Trust		150.00
Balance of Sotter Trust		198.00
Balance of Swygert Trust Income		75.41
Balance of Sotter Trust Income		333.75
Balance of Cover Trust Income		3.33
		$1,724.16
Overdrawn U. L. C. Treasury Account		7,139.55
Overdrawn, July 31, 1921		$5,415.39
Overdrawn	$5,915.39	
In hands of Secretary	500.00	
		$5,415.39

Philadelphia, 28th August, 1922.

We have audited the accounts of the Treasurer of
THE UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA
for the year ended 31st July, 1921, and we certify that in our opinion the foregoing statements of
Apportionment and Specially Designated Funds
Receipts and Expenditures
Securities Owned by the United Lutheran Church, and Trust Funds
are in accordance with the books of account and are correct.

LYBRAND, ROSS BROS. & MONTGOMERY,
Accountants and Auditors.

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REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH

for the Fiscal Year Ending July 31, 1922.

APPORTIONMENT AND SPECIALLY DESIGNATED FUNDS.

Synod.	Synodical Appor.	Paid on Appor.	Paid on Specials
Ministerium of Pennsylvania	$316,105	$197,618.45	$9,602.77
Ministerium of New York	126,608	33,831.26	4,004.16
North Carolina	45,512	20,001.00	1,641.06
Maryland	78,613	76,620.24	2,821.47
South Carolina	27,307	20,539.79	1,317.65
West Pennsylvania	76,130	54,208.32	7,385.14
Virginia	15,722	10,822.00	1,646.49
Alleghany	56,270	54,708.00	6,138.00
East Pennsylvania	98,473	64,308.60	10,993.09
S. W. Virginia	9,930	5,000.00	302.39
Pittsburgh	137,365	99,429.66	2,943.89
Texas	4,965	1,404.85	120.20
Central Pennsylvania	24,825	18,507.00	5.00
Iowa	14,895	7,500.00	386.04
Mississippi	910	310.45	38.04
Georgia	9,930	4,700.00	547.69
Holston	3,310	600.00	.....
Canada	26,480	5,188.76	3,224.85
Susquehanna	41,375	37,916.00	1,761.00
Kansas	16,550	11,800.25	166.69
Nebraska	23,170	17,788.24	624.42
Wartburg	16,550	3,350.00	929.00
California	10,757	6,910.22	10.90
Rocky Mountain	4,965	2,436.07	262.01
German Nebraska	24,825	3,500.00	2.00
Northwest	37,238	12,544.16	1,497.74
Manitoba	9,930	.....	685.10
Pacific	4,137	4,162.08	275.99
New York and New England	57,098	42,000.00	3,090.91
Nova Scotia	5,793	1,310.41	7.56
New York	79,440	32,475.92	3,017.71
Central Canada	4,137	1,792.65	456.24
West Virginia	9,930	5,990.10	106.05
Zion Slovak	8,275	400.00	25.00
Indiana	19,860	16,803.00	1,434.70
Illinois	51,305	33,000.00	5,881.75
Michigan	23,170	14,080.17	252.39
Ohio	129,435	103,104.96	9,578.07
C. M. Mayer	.....	5.00	.....
Dr. Wm. H. Witte	.....	5.00	.....
Women's Missionary Society	.....	.....	215,609.55
Augustana	.....	.....	2,148.41
Miscellaneous	.....	.....	4,107.51
		$1,026,672.61	$305,048.63

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Paid on Apportionment	$1,026,672.61
Undistributed Balance of July 31, 1921	970.33
Total	$1,027,642.94
Distributed in accordance with the basis of The United Lutheran Church Budget	$1,025,920.69
Undistributed Balance July 31, 1922	$1,722.25

THE UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH TREASURY.

Receipts.

Proportion of Apportionment	$31,045.60	
East Penna	5.00	
General Synod	438.38	
Wartburg	8.00	
General Council	657.69	
Refund Office Expense	2.65	
Board of Publication	846.00	
Interest to May 31, 1922	1,484.83	
Total		$34,488.15

Expenditures.

Salaries, President	$6,000.00	
Secretary	4,000.00	
Clerks	4,081.20	
Traveling Expense, President	257.00	
Traveling Expense, Secretary	298.41	
General Expense	334.90	
Printing and Stationery	618.34	
Postage	146.95	
Rent	3,500.04	
Treasurer's Expense	475.40	
Executive Board	1,387.06	
Conference of Presidents	151.47	
Common Service Book Committee	312.17	
Committee on Federal Council	24.50	
Contribution to Federal Council	2,000.00	
Necrology Committee	218.56	
Statistical and Church Year Book Committee	758.31	
Women's Work Committee	111.45	
Chicago Seminary Arbitration Committee	10.00	
Board of Parish and Church Schools	300.25	
Committee on Moral and Social Welfare	10.66	
Committee on Survey and Co-ordination	25.86	
Church Paper Committee	30.04	
Committee on Evangelism	73.04	
Church Architecture Committee	253.44	
Special Commissions	473.61	
Work Among Boys' Committee	182.05	
Young People's Associations Committee	237.14	
Commission of Adjudication	596.53	
Committee on Linguistic Interests	214.79	
Loan to Holy Communion, Harrisburg	1,000.00	
Total		$28,083.17

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Balance		$6,404.98
Overdrawn U. L. C. Treasury Account July 31, 1921		$7,139.55
Overdrawn July 31, 1922		$734.57
Balance of Apportionment Fund	$1,722.25	
Balance of Cover Trust	107.50	
Balance of Sotter Trust	178.00	
Balance of Swigert Trust Income	55.41	
Balance of Cover Trust Income	91.37	
Total		$2,154.53
Overdrawn U. L. C. Treasury Account		734.57
Balance on Hand, July 31, 1922		$1,419.96
Of this sum there is in the U. L. C. Treasury		$919.96
Hands of Secretary		500.00
Total		$1,419.96

TRUST FUNDS.

F. P. Cover Trust.

Income of $1,000 to Ebenezer Lutheran Church, Browntown, Va.
Balance of income to Lutheran Orphans' Home, Salem, Va.
$2,000 Old Ladies' Home Mortgage, Charlotte, N. C.
4,000 Strawbridge & Clothier 1st Mortgage 6's.
500 New York Central Equipment 7's.
1,000 Penna. R. R. Equipment 6's.
2,500 U. S. Liberty 4th 4¼'s.
107.50 Cash.

S. C. Swigert Trust.

Income for Education of Theological Students.
$2,000 Pacific Fruit Express Equipment 7's.

Emma Kirmse Sotter Trust.

Income for Home Missions and Church Extension.
$4,000 Standard Tank Car Equipment 6's.
3,000 Constantin Refining 1st Mortgage 7's.
500 New York Central Equipment 7's.
2,000 Chesapeake and Ohio Equipment 6's.
178 Cash.

Respectfully submitted,
E. CLARENCE MILLER, Treasurer.

Philadelphia, 28th August, 1922.

We have audited the accounts of the Treasurer of
THE UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA
for the year ended 31st July, 1922, and we certify that in our opinion the foregoing statements of
Apportionment and Specially Designated Funds
Receipts and Expenditures
Securities Owned by the United Lutheran Church, and Trust Funds are in accordance with the books of account and are correct.

LYBRAND, ROSS BROS. & MONTGOMERY,
Accountants and Auditors.

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The Report of the Executive Committee of the Laymen's Missionary Movement was presented by Mr. A. D. Chiquoine, Executive Secretary of the Movement.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE LAYMEN'S MISSIONARY MOVEMENT

The Executive Committee of the Laymen's Missionary Movement herewith presents its second biennial report.

Under the authority granted to it, the Committee increased its membership by adding eight laymen to the number elected at the last convention of the United Lutheran Church. The present members are: J. L. Clark, chairman; P. A. Elsesser, treasurer; E. J. Young, E. Clarence Miller, F. W. Albrecht, I. H. Rehder, Kenneth Baker, Harvey C. Miller, William Decker, Wm. C. Stoever, Wm. H. Hager, I. A. Shaffer, Jr., W. L. Glatfelter, M. P. Möller, E. G. Hoover, Charles Steele, M. H. Buehler, F D. Bittner.

The real objective of the Movement has not been merely to "Raise more money for the Church," but to raise the members of the Church by stimulating a deeper interest and greater activity in personal service of time, talents and means; to equip the Church to fulfill its mission to the world for which it was established. Also to have all the Churches adopt the best practical methods for the members to discharge their obligations as Christian Stewards.

The Laymen's Missionary Movement has supplemented the work of the pastors in raising their Churches to a higher standard of efficiency. It cooperated with the various Boards and agencies of the United Lutheran Church in giving information of the work of the Church at home and abroad, instilling the missionary spirit and increasing the contributions for benevolences.

It has stressed the responsibility of the laymen to assume their part in Church work and to relieve the pastors of duties and care which do not properly belong to the office of the ministry.

Systematic efforts were made by correspondence, printed matter and personal visits to carry out the purposes of the Movement. Special emphasis was laid on the value of the duplex weekly envelope system for every Church and Sunday School as the best method for following the scriptural plan of regular, systematic giving and to make it an act of personal worship, and the annual every member canvass during Thanksgiving week, as recommended by the United Lutheran Church, endorsed by the district Synods and urgently requested by the Executive Board. Conferences were held with Church councils, and with Church officers in community groups.

All of the district Synods, except two, have appointed committees to co-

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operate with the Laymen's Missionary Movement. The Movement has also had the interest and assistance of the secretaries of all the Boards, and *The Lutheran* has given liberally of its space.

According to reports made to this office, the duplex envelope system is being used in 1,678 pastorates, or 67 per cent. in the United Lutheran Church, but not yet in all the Churches in every pastorate. 11 per cent. are not using the system and 22 per cent. have made no report. In the English Synods, 74 per cent. of the pastorates report having adopted the system.

The Laymen's Missionary Movement has planned and directed the annual simultaneous every member canvass during Thanksgiving week at the request of the Executive Board. While it was impossible to get reports from all the Churches which conducted the canvass, the results were gratifying and encouraging, though not up to expectation nor anywhere near the possibilities. Where the annual visitation did not reach the larger measure of success, it can usually be attributed to a failure to make full and careful preparation for it.

All of the Churches which properly conducted a canvass reported increases in contributions for local Church expenses and benevolences. Last year, $174,000 more was pledged for benevolence than the year before. Besides, many pastors reported other advances in the spiritual life of the congregations. Larger attendance upon public worship, lapsed members reclaimed, new members obtained for the Church, Sunday School, missionary society and other organizations have been mentioned in many instances. Altogether, a deeper interest, new life and activity have been inspired by the annual canvasses.

More than two million pieces of printed literature have been distributed during the biennium. These included 300,000 copies of an informing handbook, furnished by the various Boards, concerning the organization, operation and fields of work of the United Lutheran Church through its established agencies.

The appended report of the treasurer shows the expenses for the two years' work which was carried on without any cost to the Church. The members of the Executive Committee met all the expenses by personal contributions.

Practically all of the pastors and Church officers have been made acquainted with the best modern methods for administering the material affairs of the Church and the Movement has gained a momentum which will require less pioneer and educational work. However, persistent efforts will have to be continued until every congregation uses the duplex envelope system and conducts an annual every member visitation to increase its own efficiency and assure the greatest success in the world work of the United Lutheran Church.

Recommendations:

That every congregation be urged again to adopt and faithfully use the

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duplex envelope system and to conduct an annual every member canvass during Thanksgiving week.

That greater emphasis be placed on the principles of Christian Stewardship, especially as applied to possessions, from the pulpit, through printed literature and systematic study in Churches, Sunday Schools and young people's societies.

Respectfully submitted for the committee,
J. L. CLARK, Chairman.
A. D. CHIQUOINE, Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF LAYMEN'S MISSIONARY MOVEMENT.

York, Pa., August 21, 1922.

RECEIPTS.

Received from Subscriptions	$28,123.78

EXPENDITURES.

Office Rent	$862.50
Office Equipment	25.00
Office Printing, Miscellaneous	324.83
Printed Literature	5,850.26
Postage, etc.	609.70
Salaries	9,092.00
Traveling Expenses	845.97
Paid on Debt	9,800.00
Interest	276.47
	$27,686.73
Balance	437.05
Less Deficit, July 31, 1920	187.26
Balance on Hand, July 31, 1922	$249.79

Respectfully submitted,
P. A. ELSESSER, *Treasurer.*
L. M. M.

Present indebtedness $4,600.

The indebtedness of $4,600 is part of the extraordinary expense incurred during 1919 in connection with the Every Member Canvass Campaign during Thanksgiving week and for which there was expended $17,000. The plan of the Committee has been to divide the expense of this special campaign over several years.

Recommendation 1 was adopted. Recommendation 2 adopted. The Report was adopted as a whole.

Under the order for the election of a Treasurer Dr. John L. Zimmerman moved that the rules be suspended and the Secretary instructed to cast the unanimous ballot of the Convention for E. Clarence Miller as Treasurer for the ensuing biennium.

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The motion was carried and the Secretary cast the ballot in accordance with the resolution. Thereupon Dr. Miller was declared elected Treasurer.

On motion of the Rev. Paul Koller the Convention ordered that all speeches be limited to five minutes except that those offering reports be allowed ten minutes for their presentation.

Consideration of the Report of the Executive Board was resumed.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

During the biennium the Executive Board has held nine regular meetings.

On the resignation of Mr. George E. Neff, Hon. C. M. Efird was duly elected to fill the vacancy.

In addition to the committees on Constituent Synods, Boards and Committees, and Finance, there was appointed a Standing Committee on Survey and Co-ordination, which was later merged as a subcommittee into the Committee on Boards and Committees.

The Board presents the following report of its acts:

I. MATTERS REFERRED

A—Concerning Minutes.

Four thousand copies of the Minutes of the Second Biennial Convention of the United Lutheran Church were published under the direction of our Board of Publication and were ready for distribution on January 12, 1921. The cost of publication was $3,548.79. The Minutes were distributed to delegates to the Convention, to all ministers of the United Lutheran Church, church institutions and State and public libraries. Copies were sent also to prominent individuals both in America and in Europe.

Following instructions of the Washington Convention, the Executive Board published a pamphlet entitled "Extracts from Minutes of Second Convention of the United Lutheran Church in America," which was distributed to all Lutheran ministers throughout the United States and Canada and to numerous publications. It contained the Declaration of Principles Concerning the Church and Its External Relationships; Linguistic Policy of the United Lutheran Church in America; Practical Statements as to the Organized Work of the United Lutheran Church in America; Extract from the President's Report Relating to the General Situation of the Church; Instructions for the Guidance of our Commissioners to the National Lutheran Council, also of the United Lutheran Church in America Toward Other Bodies in the Conduct of Its Home Mission Work; Resolutions Concerning an Ecumenical Lutheran Conference. More than ten thousand copies of the pamphlet were distributed, the total cost of printing and mailing being $472.02.

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B—Concerning Voting Privileges of Advisory Members of Boards From the Women's Missionary Society.

The request of the Women's Missionary Society of the United Lutheran Church in America that the United Lutheran Church "make such amendment to its Constitution and to the Constitutions of its Boards as is necessary in order to grant full voting membership to the representatives of the Women's Missionary Society who are Advisory Members of the various Boards of the Church" was referred by the Executive Board to its Legal Committee.

Upon recommendation of the Committee the following was adopted as the action of the Executive Board:

Resolved, That it is the judgment of the Executive Board that it would be inexpedient and contrary to the spirit of our Constitution and Polity to make anyone an ex-officio voting member of any of our Boards as a representative of any auxiliary organization.

C—Department of Stewardship and Benevolence.

By action of the Second Convention of the United Lutheran Church the Executive Board was authorized to establish a Department of Stewardship and Benevolence, and the Finance Committee of the Executive Board was requested to confer with the Executive Committee of the Laymen's Missionary Movement concerning this matter.

After some delay the Finance Committee reported that a plan for the establishment of the Department had been agreed upon between the Finance Committee of the Executive Board and a committee representing the Laymen's Missionary Movement, to wit: That the Executive Board would elect a Secretary and provide money for his salary and necessary expenses, and they would, on their part, be prepared to nominate an Assistant Secretary and to pay his salary, the expenses of his office and a reasonable amount for necessary literature; the Department to be under the direction of the Executive Board, but the Executive Committee of the Laymen's Missionary Movement to meet at least twice a year in an advisory capacity.

In accordance with these arrangements a Secretary was unanimously elected, but to the regret of the Executive Board and all concerned he felt constrained to decline the call.

While the question of finding another for the position of Secretary was under consideration the leaders of the Laymen's Missionary Movement developed a plan for the establishment of the Department of Stewardship which was submitted to the Executive Board and received favorable consideration.

D—Chicago Seminary.

In response to certain memorials relating to the Theological Seminary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church at Chicago, Ill., the Washington Convention instructed the President of the United Lutheran Church as soon as a formal appeal should be made by the Board of Directors of the said

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Theological Seminary at Chicago to appoint a committee of three clergymen and two laymen, learned in the usages and laws of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, to enter into conference with the parties concerned, make a full survey and report their findings to the Executive Board. At the same time the Executive Board was instructed and authorized to act upon said report.

Under date of November 16, 1920, the President and Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary at Chicago wrote to the President of the United Lutheran Church requesting the appointment of the committee provided for by the action of the Convention. Thereupon the President appointed the committee, consisting of the Rev. Drs. Frederick A. Kahler, John C. Seegers, Ezra K. Bell and the Hon. Frank M. Riter, LL.D., and George E. Neff, Esq. In reporting upon the work of the committee, the President said: "They have held a carefully prepared hearing at Chicago, using an entire week of their time. . . . It is sufficient to know that all parties concerned were much gratified with the conduct of the hearing. The services of the committee should have the rich gratitude of the Church. The precedents they have established are of abiding value and promise for the future."

We, therefore, recommend that the United Lutheran Church hereby express its thanks to the committee and record its appreciation of their valuable services.

The Report of the Committee of Investigation was submitted to the Executive Board May 12, 1921, and was referred to a special committee. The report of this committee summarized the Report of the Committee of Investigation and submitted a series of resolutions. The report was adopted by the Executive Board as its own action, as here follows:

The report referred to us is a most carefully prepared document covering sixty-six very large typewritten pages, the reading of which before this Board consumed about two hours and a half. Considering the amount of evidence taken by the committee and condensed in the report, it is evident that the entire work of gathering evidence, weighing the testimony and formulating conclusions, was done in a most conscientious, thorough and painstaking manner, and the result is a clear and concise statement of a many-sided and intricate investigation.

The first part of the report sets forth the preliminaries to the main work of the committee in the following order: (a) the action of the Washington Convention and the appointment in accordance therewith of the following committee—the Revs. F. A. Kahler, D.D.; E. K. Bell, D.D.; J. C. Seegers, D.D., and Laymen George E. Neff, Esq., and Frank M. Riter, Esq., LL.D.; (b) the meeting of the committee with the President and the Secretary of the United Lutheran Church at 437 Fifth avenue, New York City on Monday, January 24, 1921; (c) the first meeeting in Chicago on January 25, giving in groups the names of all those who were present at this meeting under the following heads:

Representatives of the Synod of the Northwest.
Professors of the Ad Interim Divinity School.
Representatives of the Synod of Illinois.
Board of Directors of the Chicago Seminary.
Members of Faculty of Chicago Seminary.

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There were twenty-one of these persons, substantially all of whom were present at all of the meetings of the committee; (d) the plan of procedure agreed upon at this first meeting "without dissent." This plan provides as follows: "That those interested in the controversy divide themselves into two groups, namely, the Synod of the Northwest, the four members of the Board of Directors of the Chicago Seminary who had resigned as a result of the controversy, the four members of the Faculty of the Chicago Seminary who had been separated from the Faculty by action of the Board of Directors and who subsequently became the Professors in the Ad Interim Divinity School at Chicago and the Illinois Synod on one side, to be designated as the side of the Synod of the Northwest; and the Board of Directors of the Chicago Seminary and such of its Faculty as were involved in the discussion, on the other side, to be designated as the side of the Chicago Seminary. It was agreed 'that neither side be represented by legal counsel, and that each side select one of its members to represent it and direct its case.'"

The second part of the report gives a brief history of the Theological Seminary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church at Chicago, concluding with the words: "Thus the Chicago Seminary, while founded by the action and direction of the General Council, in the absence of District Synods to assume the responsibility of its governance and support, was handed over to a self-perpetuating Board."

In connection herewith is added the following statement: "The contention of the Synod of the Northwest in this late difficulty is that this Board should now arrange to become a Board of the District Synods that are now declared to be ready and able to assume the responsibility for governing and supporting this institution."

The third part, covering over fifty-three pages, deals with the investigation proper. The report shows how the committee took up the different phases of the controversy which has so greatly troubled the life of the Chicago Seminary and imperiled its usefulness, devoting attention especially to "those features of the dispute, the determination of which will exercise a controlling influence over its conclusions and recommendations." Each phase of the controversy was exhaustively investigated, and the report gives the committee's analysis of the evidence and also the conclusions of the committee in regard to each of the distinct phases. The utmost fairness was shown by the committee in the hearings, which were "open to all the parties interested." Quoting further from the report: "It may be stated that no witnesses or statements were heard in camera, but on the other hand every witness and statement made by one side was made in the presence of representatives of the other side." In concluding its report the committee says: "Your committee gratefully acknowledges that it received every consideration from those who represented the side of the Synod of the Northwest as well as those who represented the side of the Chicago Seminary, and we were impressed by the unusual vigor and power with which both sides presented their cases."

Fourthly, the recommendations of the committee are submitted and the signatures of all the members of the committee are affixed to the entire report. Here we deem it proper to quote the following statement found near the end of the report: "While Dr. Bell unfortunately could not attend the meeting at Chicago, he acquainted himself with the testimony and evidence submitted to the committee and took part in the consideration of the entire report and its findings."

We, The Committee of the Executive Board, offer the following preamble and resolutions for your consideration:

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WHEREAS, The committee appointed in pursuance to a resolution of The United Lutheran Church has submitted its report to the Executive Board, and

WHEREAS, This Board has given most careful and serious consideration to the report, comparing the analysis of the evidence with the conclusions and recommendations, and

WHEREAS, The Board has been "instructed and authorized to act upon said report"; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, 1, That the Executive Board finds the recommendations clearly and strongly supported by the findings of the committee as stated in the report.

Resolved, 2, That the Executive Board approves and adopts the recommendations of the committee with the following additions: add to subdivision 2 of the "First" recommendation, "by the Board of Directors in conference with representatives of the interested Synods"; and by inserting in subdivision 5 of the "First" recommendation at the end of the second line "Charter" between the words "the" and "Constitution."

Resolved, 3, That in agreement with the recommendations of the Investigating Committee, it is the unanimous judgment of the Executive Board, (a) that the Chicago Seminary should put itself in line with the principle enunciated by the United Lutheran Church in America at its Convention at Washington, D. C., October, 1920, in the following resolution:

"*Resolved,* That the United Lutheran Church hereby puts itself on record as standing for the principle that educational institutions, whether classical or theological, in order to have an unquestionable claim to the moral and financial support of the Church, should put themselves as soon as possible, if such is not already the case, under the direction and control of a Synod or Synods by providing for the election of their Boards of Directors by Synodical action."

(b) That all members of the teaching force of the Chicago Seminary as of March 12, 1920, consisting of five professors and one instructor, resign all connection with the Chicago Seminary and that such resignations be accepted by the Board of Directors of the said Seminary; (c) that the Ad Interim Divinity School at Chicago now conducted by the English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Northwest be discontinued not later than the end of the present scholastic year.

Resolved, 4, That it is the unanimous judgment and firm conviction of the Executive Board that the course of action recommended by the committee and approved by this Board is the only way that can lead to a true Christian settlement of this deplorable controversy and at the same time promote the peace of the Church, the cause of theological education and the best interests of all concerned.

Resolved, 5, That, inasmuch as the parties interested were divided into two groups as indicated above, a copy of this action of the Executive Board together with the recommendations of the Investigating Committee be sent to the President of The Board of Directors of the Chicago Seminary representing the one group; likewise that a copy of this action of the Executive Board together with the recommendations of the Investigating Committee be sent to the President of The English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Northwest, representing the other group; and that the report of the Investigating Committee and all exhibits be sealed and filed among the records of The United Lutheran Church in America.

Resolved, 6, That a copy of this action of the Executive Board be sent to each of the members of the committee on the Chicago Seminary; that

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a copy of this action, together with a copy of the recommendations of the aforesaid committee, be sent to each of the six members of the teaching force referred to in resolution 3 above; and that for the present no other copies of either report, or parts thereof, than are provided for in resolutions 5 and 6, be made, except that this action shall be made a part of the Minutes of this meeting.

Resolved, 7, That the Executive Board most earnestly appeals to all concerned prayerfully to consider this action, prompted as it is by a sincere desire to promote the glory of our Common Lord and Saviour and taken in the spirit of sympathy and love becoming to men in the flesh, and to accept it as putting an end to an unhappy contention, opening for all the way to better things and rejoicing greatly the heart of the whole Church.

Resolved, 8, That the thanks of the Executive Board be and are hereby tendered to the committee on the Chicago Seminary for the faithfulness and self-sacrificing labor with which they have discharged the duty laid upon them as well as for the tactful and judicious manner in which they handled so delicate and responsible a task.

The Board of Directors of the Chicago Seminary, at its meeting on the 26th and 27th of April, 1922, took action (1) accepting the principle enunciated by The United Lutheran Church in America at its Washington Convention relative to Synodical control of educational institutions, and declaring its readiness in 1924 to have the Directors of the Chicago Seminary chosen from such Synods of the United Lutheran Church as are ready and willing to assume and promote the moral and financial trust now committed to the Board of Directors of said Seminary and suggesting that the Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church request said Synods to appoint committees which shall, in conjunction with the Board of Directors of the Seminary, formulate plans by which Directors from the various Synods may be elected; (2) informing the Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church of the resignation of the Rev. Professors G. H. Gerberding, D.D., LL.D.; J. Stump, D.D.; H. B. Reed, D.D., and P. H. Roth, and the severance of their connections with the Seminary; also requesting the Executive Board, in view of changed conditions, to permit the Rev. Prof. E. F. Krauss, D.D., to remain in the service of the Seminary in some capacity as may be determined and to permit the Board of Directors to dispose of the case in respect to the Rev. Wm. Eckert, B.D., in such manner as in the judgment of the Board will contribute to the best interest of the Seminary and the Church. This action was officially communicated by the Secretary of the Board of Directors.

In connection with this communication from the Board of Directors the second part of clause b of the third resolution concerning the Chicago Seminary adopted by the Executive Board May 12, 1921, and held under motion of reconsideration since September 13-14, 1921, was considered and action was taken as follows:

Resolved, 1, That while we recognize that final power in these matters rests with the Board of Directors of the Chicago Seminary, and while we will fully respect the complete autonomy of the Board, yet solely for the purpose of reaffirming our conviction as to the wisdom and justice of the

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findings and recommendations of the Investigating Committee, we readopt the second part of "clause b" relating to Professors; and further, in readopting as a whole the action of the Executive Board at its meeting on May 12, 1921, we call particular attention to the fourth resolution then adopted: See Resolution 4 of the action of the Executive Board reported above.

Resolved, 2, That we note with gratification that "the Chicago Seminary is ready in 1924 to have its directors chosen from such Synods of the United Lutheran Church as are ready and willing to assume and promote the moral and financial trust now committed to the Board of Directors of said Seminary"; and that the Executive Board will gladly coöperate through its President in the effort to secure the appointment by Synods of committees to act in conjunction with the Board of Directors of the Seminary in the formulation of plans.

The Rev. Dr. Krauss and the Rev. Mr. Eckert have since complied with the request of the Executive Board.

E—Survey Commission.

Under three distinct but related actions of the Washington Convention a commission was appointed, by common consent of all concerned, to make a survey of educational and missionary interests in the Northwest, on the Pacific Coast and in Western Canada. Under one of these actions report was to be made to the several Boards concerned "at the earliest possible moment." The others called for a report to the United Lutheran Church. Accordingly, when the commission had completed its task it submitted to the Executive Board in September, 1921, an exhaustive report of its findings with certain suggestions and recommendations. Report was likewise made to the Board of Education and the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension as shown by their reports to this body. The report of the commission, together with the actions of the Executive Board in regard to it, are hereby now submitted in accordance with two of the resolutions.

Report of Survey Commission to the Northwest, the Pacific Coast and Western Canada.

At the Convention of the United Lutheran Church in America held at Washington, D. C., October, 1920, the following matters were considered:

1. Pacific Theological Seminary (Minutes, pp. 59-60). The action called for a study of the whole question of Christian education and of institutions especially, as it relates to the Far West, in order that proper adjustments may be made, if possible, before the adoption of final plans. It also advised that representatives of the Seminary, of the Synods in the Far West, and of the Executive Board confer with the Board of Education with a view to such decision of all the questions involved as may result in the enlistment of the full and hearty coöperation of all the interests concerned. A report to the United Lutheran Church in America is demanded.

2. Memorials relating to the establishing of Colleges in the West and Northwest (Minutes, p. 491). One of these asked approval of a coöper-

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ative movement for a Joint Lutheran College on the Pacific Coast. The Convention ordered the Board of Education to act for the Church in seeking a conference with the Educational Agencies of other general Lutheran bodies with a view of making complete survey and, if possible, of preparing a plan for such Joint Lutheran College. Report to the United Lutheran Church is called for in this case also.

A second memorial requested the Church to establish a Lutheran College in California. The answer to the memorial restated, as in all such cases, that the United Lutheran Church is not authorized to establish or control schools of learning, but makes this a function of the Synods constituting the body. It, nevertheless, expressed conviction as to the importance and necessity of such an institution. It also said that further action in this case may be taken as in the case above cited, if desired.

3. A motion (Minutes, p. 495) citing the need of missionary and educational surveys on the Pacific Coast, which calls upon the President as representing the Executive Board, along with representatives of the Board of Education and of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension to make such complete survey, and to report to the three Boards with suggestions of ways and means for meeting the needs.

In addition to the above three matters the Board of Education was vitally interested in

1. The Saskatoon institution. With this question the Manitoba Synod and the Board of Northwestern Missions were also concerned. The Convention at Washington took action concerning it also. (Minutes, pp. 207, 209, 304.)

2. Institutions of learning on the territory of the Synod of the Northwest, including some definite propositions as to a college in North Dakota or Montana. (Minutes of the Board of Education, December, 1920, p. 75. May, 1921, pp. 88, 96.)

The Board of Home Missions and Church Extension has been vitally concerned with its interests in the Northwest and on the Pacific Coast, especially because a Secretary for the Pacific Coast had been included in its original plans.

For the effective prosecution of the decisions of the Convention and of the Boards concerned, it was concluded that all instructions could best be obeyed by a trip through the Northwestern States of the United States, the Pacific Coast and Western Canada made by representatives of the Executive Board, the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, and the Board of Education. Action to that effect was taken by the Executive Board at its meeting on November 30, 1920. Approving action was later taken by the Boards of Home Missions and of Education. The representatives were the President, F. H. Knubel; the General Secretary of the Board of Education, F. G. Gotwald; the Western Secretary of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, J. F. Seibert. The trip was made May

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25 to July 9, 1921. It had originally been planned, furthermore, that Mr. Grant Hultberg would accompany the commission, especially along the Pacific Coast, to study publication interests. He helped greatly in preparations for the trip, but was himself prevented at the last moment from taking the journey. In order that all instructions of the Washington Convention might be followed, Rev. E. A. Trabert was appointed by the President of the California Synod to represent that Synod and to accompany the commission during all conferences with the Pacific Synod and with the authorities of the Pacific Theological Seminary.

Individual members of the commission undertook certain preliminary investigations, e. g., a study of opportunities at Bismarck, N. D. The entire commission united at Fargo, N. D., to begin its studies.

The territory covered includes the fields of the Northwest, California, Pacific and Manitoba Synods. These Synods are among the largest in territory of the Constituent Synods (Rocky Mountain and Texas Synods being similar in this respect). They cover what are commonly and rightly considered as less fully developed portions of the United Lutheran Church. It is valuable in these connections to compare the membership of various Lutheran bodies upon the territory. Figures are herewith given for an entire section of country, which includes some States and Synods, not included in the survey. The section figured is one in which it is commonly believed that the United Lutheran Church has no sizable representation. The table shows that though our representation is not proportionately strong as yet, it constitutes a firm establishment of our work and justifies fullest development. Neglect of the territory would be inexcusable. (The table was prepared by Dr. M. G. G. Scherer.) The tabulation will also be helpful in considering various recommendations of the commission.

COMPARATIVE STRENGTH OF LUTHERAN GENERAL BODIES

in States west of the Mississippi River, North of Arkansas, Oklahoma. New Mexico and Arizona and including the whole of California. The larger Bodies only are given.

	U. L. C.	Norwegian	Augustana	Joint Ohio	Iowa	Synodical Conference
California	5,587	1,561	2,363	....	....	7,582
Colorado	1,700	395	1,853	1,090	1,754	2,738
Idaho	28	610	743	450	235	902
Iowa	7,457	32,694	14,289	3,890	26,781	27,550
Kansas	6,780	404	8,002	1,544	2,945	15,081
Minnesota	7,263	108,423	51,570	14,073	8,209	75,726
Missouri	2,568	42	697	273	2,052	45,313
Montana	237	5,297	593	345	374	4,033
Nebraska	18,206	1,549	9,261	2,454	8,205	31,324
Nevada	....	....	....	....	....	444
N. Dakota	1,224	49,962	1,930	3,623	6,103	8,972
Oregon	1,038	1,885	1,124	961	95	2,337

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S. Dakota	456	26,529	2,902	21	6,282	11,544
Washington	986	6,462	2,713	4,461	339	2,740
Wyoming	82	15	70	....	....	704
Utah	....	....	257	....	....	....
Manitoba, Alta. Sask & B. C.....	5,021	10,544	2,680	9,279	....	14,149
Totals 58,633		246,372	101,047	42,464	63,374	251,139

The Survey was made for missionary and educational purposes alone. The Inner Mission Board has made at least preliminary surveys in the interest of merciful endeavor.

The Commission would here record the warm welcome with which it was received everywhere, the readiness for full conference which was found, the enthusiastic loyalty for the development of the Church's operation which abounded. This enthusiasm must be helped, even though decisions reached may not at once satisfy all of its longings.

Some recommendations of local character which apply especially to the Board of Education or to the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension are not included in this report, but will be carried to each Board by its own representative on the Commission.

The Commission would first of all report certain *General Conclusions* reached, which are in the nature of fundamental observations.

1. The need and the opportunity. This applies in general to the territory covered by the survey. Five considerations emphasize this conclusion, a. The territory is not overchurched (from both missionary and educational standpoints) either as concerns Lutheran occupation or as concerns the operations of Protestants in general. b. Without exception, all states and provinces covered have a future of great promise. c. So-called Lutheran material is abundant in practically every section visited. (See Lutheran World Almanac, 1921, pp. 209-210.) d. Protestant denominations generally are occupying these places with vigor, naturally securing also members of Lutheran origin. e. The disproportionately low percentage of the United Lutheran Church's membership in the territory.

Figures need not be presented for the fifth consideration, beyond a comparison of the total in the table above (58,633) with the entire membership of the United Lutheran Church (791,400). It is a question which must be seriously answered as to whether we intend to cover the entire land effectively or to delimit our work and to become in fact provincial. All recommendations made are dependent in large degree upon the answer to that question. All plans of the U. L. C. A., including for instance the location of the Home Mission Board as decided at Washington, will be influenced by the answer given. An affirmative decision in no way implies disregard of home mission comity.

2. Great industry and human determination. These elements in the life of the sections visited impress every traveler. The farms and the mines of the northwestern States; man's triumphant victory in California,

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where God's gift of water has been wholly commandeered and where the desert is made to blossom as the rose; the pressing, thriving cities of Washington and Oregon; the endurance of hardship in Western Canada; —these are the elements of the conclusion stated. The conclusion has been stated because the work of the Church in these sections, if it is to be pressed at all, must also be marked by the same industry and the same determination. The need and the opportunity cannot be met without them. The united willingness of the entire Church must fix itself. Half-hearted endeavor will not suffice. On the other hand, the synods and the congregations on the territory must themselves be characterized by the same marks. They cannot depend merely upon the remainder of the Church to do for them. The Church as a whole must be keenly awake to the demand. The two Boards (Home Missions and Education) especially concerned must be ready with constant special surveys, with guidance, and with assistance. Much of the initiative must however be local.

3. The people's lack of definite religious knowledge. Perhaps this is no greater than in other parts of the United States and of Canada. When one listens, however, to the positively childish interpretations of the Scriptures given by the Mormons at their headquarters in the effort to make converts and then notes the number of their adherents, strange thoughts as to the religious gullibility of the people arise. Ignorance as to the Scriptures and as to the scriptural faith is at least manifest. It is to be realized that much of the country under consideration is adjacent to Mormon strongholds. The Pacific Coast is furthermore a hotbed of sects and cults and strange religionists. Evidences of outspoken indifference and antagonism to Christianity were at least as plain as elsewhere in America, perhaps plainer. Places were found where this takes so unusual a form as that the sale of property for a Church building is antagonized because it will lower the value of all surrounding real estate. These conditions emphasize all the more fully the need of Christian missionary and educational work. The firmer establishment of our positive Lutheran faith becomes a responsibility which we cannot avoid. Indeed this third general conclusion becomes an additional consideration under our first conclusion as to the need and the opportunity.

4. The likeness of Lutheranism throughout the land. We refer thereby above all to the fidelity to the faith which Evangelical Lutheranism confesses, and to the consciousness that this faith must be very positively testified to and lived by. Other important likenesses could be noted. Differences exist in various sections of the country. We do not attempt to mention them. They do not furthermore differentiate north and south or east and west. Some of them may be beneficial, for the life of the whole. They do not reach the heart of our life. We mention this conclusion because first of all it needs emphasis for common thanksgiving, encouragement and joy. It is stated because furthermore it helps us to know that the solution of problems in one part of the territory is never

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essentially different from the solution in another part; various elements in the problems exist in different sections simply in an accentuated form; there is much likeness as to the problems on the Pacific Coast and those in New York. We record this conclusion in the third place because we believe some way ought to be found for combined Lutheran effort in some spheres of operation, even while the full integrity of separate general Lutheran bodies is preserved.

Without any attempt to enter upon less important subjects with which the Commission had to do and which in practically every instance belong particularly to the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension or to the Board of Education, the following *Special Matters* are presented for consideration.

1. Educational plans of the Synod of the Northwest. In addition to visits to many points on the territory of this Synod, the Commission attended the meeting of the Synod in Grand Forks, N. D. There was free and extended conference with committees and with the Synod as a whole. The missionary problems were fully discussed. A relationship for mutual help with the adjacent and partially interlocking Manitoba Synod through an exchange of delegates and other methods was suggested and cordially approved. Intertwined with these considerations and emphasized by the missionary needs were the questions as to educational institutions. Many hopes had been entertained as to the establishment of a college in North Dakota or in Montana. Indeed definite propositions had been received and had been investigated by members of the Commissions. Finally all came to the harmonious conclusion that for the present such an effort should not be undertaken. There was common consent that in the founding of new collegiate institutions an effort should first be made for a basis of co-operation with other Lutheran bodies. (This decision is in harmony with the instructions given to the Board of Education by the Washington Convention. It will be referred to again later in this report.) It was suggested and informally approved that where young men and women cannot go to institutions of the United Lutheran Church, use should be made of such colleges as Concordia at Morehead, Minn., and St. Olaf at Northfield, Minn. (The Commission had opportunity for friendly conference with President Aasgard of Concordia in this respect.)

Meanwhile the missionary development had stirred a call for the establishment of a theological seminary also. This had reached the point of a proposition for such establishment at Minneapolis, as was advocated both in committee and before the Synod. It may be freely stated that such plans were not unrelated to the existence of an "Ad Interim" seminary at Chicago, which the Synod decided to abandon in accordance with the action of the Executive Board. (Minutes of Executive Board, May 1921). Nevertheless the missionary motive was clear. This is the one supreme motive which influenced the Commission and which the Commission urges upon the attention of the Church. Hope for co-operative endeavor with

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other Lutheran bodies in theological seminaries can probably not be entertained at present. No Lutheran theological seminary exists between Minneapolis and Seattle. The missionary need and possibilities of a theological seminary have long been recognized, from various points of view. If the fundamental question asked in our first *General Conclusion* be answered affirmatively, then the need of the missionary endeavors of the Synod of the Northwest and of our Board of Home Missions as operating on its territory becomes very clear on this great stretch of large states. The Commission made its position emphatic against the establishment of a seminary at Minneapolis as being (1) unnecessary; (2) open to the clear construction of being merely a continuation of the "Ad Interim" seminary and as such objectionable to all best considerations; (3) an open affront to other general Lutheran bodies, several of which have seminaries at or near Minneapolis. The Commission stated on the positive side that it saw justification, purely from the missionary need, for such an institution not farther east than Fargo, N. D. Finally the Synod decided unanimously to proceed to the organization of a theological seminary at Fargo, N. D., or vicinity. The constitution of the Board of Education states (Article VIII, Section 1) that it has authority "to co-operate with synods in the establishment of new institutions where approved by the United Lutheran Church." The Commission recommends that in view of all conditions cited the Executive Board and the Board of Education unite in commending the new institution to the approval of the United Lutheran Church at its next convention, approving also the Commission's recommendation as to location.

2. The Pacific Coast. The Commission visited many places where missionary and educational work have been or might be established. The reach of territory covered was from San Diego to Vancouver. Many conferences were held, including important and lengthy ones with the Southern Conference of the California Synod, the Northern Conference of the California Synod, the entire Pacific Synod, the authorities of the Pacific Theological Seminary. Documents prepared with great care were presented to the Commission, including missionary and education surveys of the Southern Conference of the California Synod; the same for the Northern Conference; a statement on behalf of the California Synod concerning a theological seminary; the documentary history of the Pacific Theological Seminary; a plea from the Board of Trustees of that institution; the actions of the Pacific Synod at the meeting attended by the Commission in all matters with which the Commission was concerned. These documents are attached to this report.

(a) It was not difficult to come to complete agreement as to the missionary need for the Pacific Coast. The Commission unites with the Synods concerned in seconding the purpose of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension to appoint as quickly as possible the Western Secretary contemplated in that Board's original plans. All agree that he should be

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located on the Coast. The boundaries of his territory will of course be determined by the Board concerned.

The Synod of California has been urged to arrange also with the Board of Home Missions so that district missionaries shall be appointed for each of its two conferences. The Pacific Synod has adequate provisions in this respect. Both Synods have pledged themselves to the strongest local endeavor, pastors being ready to assist the district missionaries. The California Synod has also been reminded to have full regard, in accordance with the Linguistic Principles adopted at the Washington Convention, for the interests and the development of work in the German language as need requires.

Before leaving the missionary considerations, it ought to be said that the Pacific Coast, with its mixed population and its confusion of religious ideas, offers one of the best fields for working out the problem of the Lutheran Church's operation with so-called "non-Lutheran" material. This does not mean that Lutheran material is not abundant.

(b) The Commission begs to include a recommendation to the Board of Publication, that it consider the advisability of establishing a depository on the Pacific Coast, purely from the standpoint of service.

We turn to the educational considerations. We are agreed that educational provisions ought to be planned by the United Lutheran Church. In accordance with our instruction arrangements for colleges and for theological seminaries were to be studied, the latter in connection with the existence of the Pacific Theological Seminary at Seattle.

(c) Whatever decisions may be reached as to the location of any institutions for the Coast, we are agreed that so far as colleges are concerned, the United Lutheran Church should not attempt the establishment thereof until the Board of Education has carried out the instructions of the Washington Convention (Minutes, p. 491) as to conference with the Educational agencies of other general Lutheran bodies concerning joint Lutheran colleges. That Board has begun its work in this respect. We believe in its application to the Pacific Coast, the Northwest, and all other sections where such plans are desirable. Conditions and sentiment on the Pacific Coast favor the plan. We refer to such conditions and sentiment among the membership of other general bodies as well as that of the United Lutheran Church. The successful operation of a joint hospital in Los Angeles gives promising hope to the plan. A proposition concerning a Norwegian college at Spokane, made several years ago, looks in this direction. It should be said, for the sake of record, that the Northern Conference of the California Synod agrees that any college for California ought rather be placed in Southern California.

(d) We come prayerfully to the matter of theological seminaries, especially the existing Pacific Theological Seminary at Seattle. The question of location is included. It dare not be dealt with too briefly. Several considerations render a true solution difficult.

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First of all there is a formal difficulty, involving the constitutional rights of the United Lutheran Church and of a Constituent Synod concerning educational institutions. The instructions of the Commission contemplate no transgression of a synod's rights. They call for conference of representatives of the Seminary, the Synods in the far West, the Executive Board and the Board of Education with a view to such decision of all the questions involved as may result in the enlistment of the full and hearty co-operation of all interests concerned. Report to the next convention of the United Lutheran Church is asked. Such was the nature of the conference held. The Pacific Synod had emphasized its rights before the Commission arrived in the following resolution: "That we record our unanimous conviction that the Pacific Seminary is most admirably located on its present site for the service it is to render, and that any attempt at relocation would be, in our judgment, impractical, injurious and unjust." It, nevertheless, voted also in the Commission's presence that the question of location came within the province of the conference to be held. This constitutional difficulty will be obviated if the ultimate decisions of the United Lutheran Church are adopted as commendations to the Pacific Synod and the California Synod. The Synods will unquestionably abide by such decisions, since the institution has been and will be supported by the Church as a whole in the confidence that the Synods and the institution wish to serve the Church as a whole.

The second difficulty is a physical one, which unchangeably divides the Pacific Coast into two sections. This consists of a mountainous barrier of a hundred miles and more at the northern end of California. It will never be thickly populated. Counting the whole territory concerned as reaching from the Mexican border to and including British Columbia, the centre is approximately in or just below this barrier. (The idea of including Alaska in the whole stretch of territory and thus of placing the centre far north of the barrier and in Oregon or Washington, seems to the Commission an impossible consideration as concerns a theological seminary.' Present needs certainly require not more than one seminary. Needs of even the long future cannot be positively predicted. The effort to locate one seminary for the entire territory satisfactorily becomes difficult because of the physical barrier and the total lack of Lutheran congregations anywhere near the centre. The present locality seems, however, to be unreasonably far north from the centre.

A third difficulty is presented by the proportions of Lutheran memberships in the northern and southern portions of the territory. The table of memberships we have presented shows that the United Lutheran Church itself has by far a larger membership in California than in Oregon and Washington combined. On the other hand the Lutheran membership of all bodies combined and also the general Lutheran population is in distinct degree larger in the north than in the south. This would provide a ready solution of the problem if the present need of merely the United Lutheran

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Church were considered. When one considers the future from various points of view several questions arise.

A fourth difficulty is one of history and of heart, with perhaps some purpose of that Providence which rules all history and all hearts. In the days of the General Synod and the General Council the two constituent Synods had planned to establish a Seminary at Oakland or Berkeley (which is considerably nearer to the centre than is Seattle) with a pro-seminar in the north (perhaps at Seattle). We need not rehearse the circumstances which interfered with the consummation. The Pacific Synod, however, bravely struggled on with the purpose, the history showing that the California Synod maintained no consistent course in relation to the project. The latter Synod did, however, aim to keep in relationship with the seminary idea, even at this day having students there. The heart of the Pacific Synod has become by its efforts strongly interwoven with the seminary as located on its own territory. Perhaps we may not say that Providence has decided the matter. We may, however, at least say that the burden of proof rests upon any move to make a change in location.

While the Commission knows of other considerations in the matter not included in the above statement of difficulties, all appear to be of minor character. The following additional facts should, however, be known. The number of students has been very small. The property of the Seminary is distinctly a good one. We do not regard it much more than good. No building operations have as yet taken place. A removal would, therefore, involve no loss in that respect.

Reviewing all of the confused elements which enter into the problem and recognizing the unsatisfactory provision for the entire territory which one seminary far to the north provides, the Commission offers these conclusions.

a. If arrangements concerning joint Lutheran colleges can be made, we believe that a seminary should be established at Berkeley by the Synods of the United Lutheran Church, and joint colleges to the south (in the neighborhood of Los Angeles) and to the north (in the neighborhood of Seattle). Action upon this conclusion should not be regarded, however, as limiting the readiness of the United Lutheran Church to enter into freest considerations with other Lutheran bodies. In such conferences such action would enter merely as a suggestion.

b. We believe that the original decision of the Pacific and California Synods for a seminary at Berkeley and a pro-seminar or other preparatory institution at Seattle to have been one of farsighted wisdom. It would inevitably be the best decision for a new beginning to-day, leaving open every possibility for the future.

c. We believe that if all can, for the interests of the whole church, enter with readiness upon such a plan, steps leading toward the decision in *b* should be undertaken now. In that event the character of the institution to be developed at Seattle would need new consideration. For instance, we

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believe the idea of a junior seminary instead of a pro-seminar deserves thought, not merely for the Pacific Coast but for the entire United Lutheran Church. Such a project need furthermore not wait upon any decisions concerning joint Lutheran Colleges.

d. In harmony with an action of the Pacific Synod, followed by decisions of the conference with the authorities of the seminary, we recommend that an advisory committee of three members be appointed by the Executive Board, the Board of Education being naturally well represented on this committee. This committee shall coöperate with the Synod and the Board of Directors of the seminary in the direction thereof during the entire period of any changes now to be made and during the period of development. Its authority shall include a veto power upon decisions reached, such veto, however, being at any time overruled by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any meeting of the body which took action. The Committee shall confer with those authorities as to the provisions of the seminary's constitution, as to important new departures in plans (including those adopted at the recent session of the Pacific Synod), as to the regular budget of the seminary, and as to any unbudgeted outlay of $500 or over. It is to receive copies of all minutes of meetings of the seminary authorities.

e. We recommend that the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension be urged to arrange so that the $5,000 indebtedness to the General Council's Church Extension Fund be cancelled.

3. *Western Canada.* The Commission rejoiced in the possibility of seeing some of the points (e. g., Edmonton and vicinity, Saskatoon, Edenvold, Winnipeg) where the Manitoba Synod is carrying on a work, largely of missionary character, which the entire Church ought to esteem very highly. Our congregations and their pastors, with magnificent loyalty to the Church and its faith, are serving amid conditions which are paralleled in few if any other parts of the Church. The Commission itself was detained a day and a half from reaching the meeting of the Synod because of difficult conditions which are but an example of frequent facts. The reception in congregations, at the educational plant in Saskatoon, and by the Synod was marked by warm fellowship. The Synod as assembled revealed itself as a strong body, thoughtful in all its conclusions, awake to all possibilities, and eager for progress. Cordial agreement was given to the idea of more intimate relationship with the Synod of the Northwest, especially for the purposes of missionary development. The life and purposes of the Church were frankly discussed. The interests of the educational institution were fully considered. Suggestions as to location thereof, teaching force, etc., were welcomed. Naturally these matters belong in ultimate decision to the Manitoba Synod and the Board of Northwestern Missions. The Commission would, however, definitely and strongly recommend that the Manitoba Synod, the Board of Education, and the Board of Northwestern Missions plan vigorously to complete the present effort for $50,000 for the needs of the Saskatoon institution. We commend it

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also to the entire Church for a hearty response. Furthermore the Commission commends to the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension the idea of an aggressive movement toward occupation of the cities.

With the prayer that its service may have honored our Lord and thus be of good to His Church, the Commission submits this report.

F—Actions of the Executive Board.

1. In response to the fundamental question raised by the Commission under item 1 of General Conclusions the Executive Board adopted these two resolutions:

Resolved, (1) That it is our deep and solemn conviction that in the providence of God The United Lutheran Church has a message and a mission, and therefore a duty and a responsibility that call it to endeavor, to the fullest extent of its ability and opportunity, to organize congregations wherever it may find unchurched Lutherans or unsaved and unshepherded souls, and also to establish and maintain such institutions of education and of mercy as may be found necessary for the prosecution of its work without any limitations of territory, or language, or nationality.

(2) That in all its efforts to meet this responsibility and discharge this duty The United Lutheran Church earnestly desires and will always faithfully seek to maintain the most fraternal relations with all other bodies of Lutherans and to coöperate with them in Christian love, expressing the hope and constantly striving to further that comity of all Lutheran bodies, one in faith and its expression, to the end that the day may come when all such may constitute one united Church.

2. *Special Matters;* missionary and educational interests.

Item 1. The recommendation of the Commission relative to the theological seminary at Fargo, N. D., was not acted upon until May 11, 1922. At that time the Rev. G. Keller Rubrecht, D.D., President of the Synod of the Northwest, appeared before the Executive Board, upon the invitation of the President, and presented the whole situation as regards the new institution, stating that the question of the removal of the Seminary from Fargo to the Twin Cities of Minnesota would be considered by the Synod of the Northwest at its meeting in June.

Thereupon the Executive Board took the following action:

Resolved, a, That we also now approve that part of the Report of the Survey Commission to the Northwest, Pacific Coast and Canada, relating to the establishing of a theological seminary, purely on the grounds of missionary necessity, not farther east than Fargo, N. D.

Resolved, b, That, inasmuch as we have found that there is a division of opinion within the Synod of the Northwest on the question of the removal of the seminary, this Board does not deem it wise to take action now concerning the proposed removal lest it might prejudice the action of the Synod.

Item 2. (a) The Commission reported plans which had been agreed to in conference concerning the missionary interests on the Pacific Coast. The Executive Board approved the arrangements and recommends the adoption of this part of the Commission's report.

(b) The Executive Board approved the recommendation of the Com-

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mission that the Board of Publication consider the advisability of establishing a depository on the Pacific Coast.

(c) The judgment of the Commission that the United Lutheran Church should not attempt the establishment of a college or colleges on the Pacific Coast or in the Northwest before the Board of Education has completed its conferences with other general Lutheran bodies concerning joint Lutheran Colleges was approved.

(d) In view of the difficulties involved in the question of the location of a theological seminary for the Pacific Coast, as stated in the report, the conclusions of the Commission noted a, b, c, d, and e, were approved.

The following committee was appointed under 2 (d) of Special Matters:

Dr. E. Clarence Miller,
Dr. F. G. Gotwald,
Dr. J. H. Harms,

and the following was adopted by the Executive Board:

"*Resolved*, That in addition to all other conditions governing the work of the Advisory Committee appointed in accordance with the recommendation of the Survey Commission, its actions must be unanimous to be effective."

Item 3. The recommendation of the Commission was approved and officially brought to the attention of the Manitoba Synod and the Boards there named.

By the united effort of the Synod and of the cooperating Boards there had been secured to July 21, 1922, in cash and pledges the sum of $25,524.36.

3. The report was approved as a whole.

The Executive Board recommends:

(a) The consideration of its own actions here reported and in connection therewith the several parts of the report of the Commission.

(b) An expression of appreciation on the part of the United Lutheran Church of the labors of the Commission in its painstaking survey, its careful study of the facts observed and its illuminating report.

II. SYNODS

A—In General.

1. *Conference of Presidents*: Under the auspices of the Executive Board the Second Conference of Presidents of Constituent Synods of the United Lutheran Church was held at Harrisburg, Penna., from January 31-February 1, 1922. Thirty-four of the thirty-eight Synods were represented. The questions which engaged the Conference were such as the following: How Presidents of Synods can promote the spiritual life of the Church; the Place of the Constituent Synods in The United Lutheran Church in America; Special Problems of Pioneer Synods; Church Papers; Cooperative Relationships, etc. It was unanimously voted that the Conference be held at least once in two years.

2. In view of changes in the roll of the Synods necessitated by mergers from time to time, the Executive Board recommends that in all cases of

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the merging of Constituent Synods of the United Lutheran Church the place of the new Synod in the roll be that of the oldest body entering into the merger.

B—In Particular.

1. *Synod of Ohio*: The Synod of Ohio of The United Lutheran Church in America was organized on November 4, 1920 at Springfield, Ohio. It was formed of the East Ohio Synod (organized Nov. 7, 1836), the Synod of Miami (organized October 16, 1844), the Wittenberg Synod (organized June 8, 1847), and the District Synod of Ohio (organized July 21, 1861). A Constitution was submitted which was found to conform in all respects to that recommended for Synods by the Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church.

The Executive Board recommends that the Synod of Ohio be enrolled as a Synod of The United Lutheran Church in America in place of the Synods of which it was formed and that the names of these Synods be dropped from the roll.

2. *United Synod of North Carolina*: On March 2, 1921, the Evangelical Lutheran Synod and Ministerium of North Carolina (organized May 2, 1803) and the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod (organized July 17, 1820) merged into the United Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina under an amended charter of the former. The United Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina, by resolution adopted at its Convention June 8-10, 1921, requested that it be given the place on the roll of Constituent Synods formerly held by the Evangelical Lutheran Synod and Ministerium of North Carolina. A Constitution was submitted which was found to be in harmony with the Constitution of The United Lutheran Church in America.

The Executive Board, therefore, recommends that the United Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina be enrolled as requested and that the names of the bodies of which it was formed be dropped from the roll.

3. *United Lutheran Synod of Virginia:* On March 17, 1922, at Roanoke, Va., there was effected a merger of Constituent Synods of the United Lutheran Church under the name of the United Lutheran Synod of Virginia. At a meeting of the new Synod in September, 1922, the word "United" was dropped. This Synod was formed by a merging of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod and Ministerium of Southwestern Virginia (composed of the former Evangelical Lutheran Synod and Ministerium of Southwestern Virginia organized September 20, 1842, and the Evangelical Lutheran Holston Synod organized January 2, 1861), with the Evangelical Lutheran Synod and Ministerium of Virginia (organized August 10, 1829). The United Lutheran Synod of Virginia has submitted a copy of its Constitution, making application for admission into the United Lutheran Church in America and requesting that it be allowed to retain the place on the roll which the Evangelical Lutheran Synod and Ministerium of Virginia now holds.

The Constitution of the Synod has been carefully examined and approved

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and the Executive Board favorably recommends that the Synod be enrolled as requested and that the names of the Synods of which it was formed be dropped from the roll.

III. BOARDS AND ELECTIVE COMMITTEES

A.—In General.

1. *Concerning Cooperations*: See VII, B, 1.

2. *Handbook*: In the Fall of 1921 the several Boards of the Church cooperating issued, in connection with the Every Member Canvass conducted by the Laymen's Missionary Movement, a handbook entitled "Salvation, Sacrifice, Service." The Executive Board also took part in the issuance of this handbook at an expense of $214.04. A similar handbook is in course of preparation for use in the Every Member Canvass at the next Thanksgiving.

3. *Concerning Ad Interim Elections:* We recommend

(a.) The reconsideration of the action of the Washington Convention whereby the rule was adopted that ad interim elections could be effective only until the next Convention thereafter; and

(b.) The establishment now and by this action of the rule, that the ad interim election of a member of a Board shall continue effective until the expiration of the term for which his predecessor was elected, or until his membership is otherwise terminated.

(c.) That this rule shall apply to ad interim elections which have been made during the second biennium.

(d.) That hereafter all regular elections be for a term of six years according to the By-Laws (V, B, item 2), except that members of the Executive Board shall be regularly elected for a term of four years according to the Constitution. (Art. XI, Sec. 2.)

B—In Particular.

1—*Commission of Adjudication.*

a. Congregational Membership of Pastors: The question of the congregational membership of pastors, especially of those who have resigned and have not taken up work elsewhere in the Church, was brought to the attention of the Executive Board by the President and was referred by the Board to the Commission of Adjudication with the request that the Commission prepare a deliverance on this subject.

b. Vacancy filled. On nomination of the Commission of Adjudication the Rev. R. E. Tulloss, Ph.D., DD., was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the Rev. D. H. Bauslin, D.D., LL.D.

2—*Board of Foreign Missions.*

a. Amendments to Constitution: In accordance with the action of the Washington Convention the Board of Foreign Missions submitted the following resolutions:

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Resolved, That the Board of Foreign Missions in accordance with the above action submits to the Executive Board the following amendment of Art. III.

First, that Sec. 2 now reading "The members of this Board shall be communicant members in congregations in full synodical relations with the United Lutheran Church in America" be amended by the addition of the following clause, viz., "except as provided in Sec. 3 hereof."

Second, that Sec. 3 now reading, 'Representatives of other Lutheran Bodies cooperating in the work may, by resolution of the United Lutheran Church in America, be admitted to advisory membership" be stricken out and the following section be substituted viz.—

Sec. 3. Other Lutheran Bodies, may with the approval of the United Lutheran Church co-operate with the Board, and may appoint representatives to meet with it as advisory members; and such representatives may be elected in the regular manner to full membership in the Board; provided, however, that the whole number of such members shall not exceed three and provided also that their elections shall in no wise, now or hereafter, entitle their respective bodies to any claim upon the property, real or personal, held by or in the name of the Board.

Resolved, That upon the approval of the above amendments by the Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church they shall without further action become a part of the Constitution.

The Executive Board finding the amendment in harmony with the Constitution of the United Lutheran Church and with the action taken at Washington, gave its approval to the amendments of Article III of the Constitution of the Board of Foreign Missions and recommends that the Article as amended be approved by the United Lutheran Church as a part of the Constitution of said Board.

b. Permission was given to the Board of Foreign Missions to establish a fund in memory of the late Dr. Charles L. Brown by appealing to the Sunday Schools to make contributions toward such fund.

c. The Board of Foreign Missions adopted a recommendation of its India Mission Committee relating to the establishment of a United Christian College in the Telugu area. The recommendation included a plan for such a college submitted by a joint committee of representatives of our India Mission and of the Church Missionary Society's Mission in India, together with a Commission of the latter Society touring in India. The essential features of the plan may be summarized as follows:

(1) The establishment of a strong United Mission College in the Telugu area.

(2) That all of the Telugu Missions be invited to co-operate in the immediate strengthening of Noble College, at Masulipatam, and in making it temporarily a United College, each mission being requested to send a man to serve on the staff. This is the only First-grade Mission College in the Telugu area and is offered by the Church Missionary Society with its buildings and equipment for the purposes of a United College.

(3) The College Council of Noble College is to be enlarged and constituted as follows: The Church Missionary Society four representatives; two Christians from the staff; one representative from each Mission contrib-

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uting at least Rs. 4500—these members having power to co-opt two others.

(4) To keep pace with educational developments in India, there will be submitted to the Missions a larger scheme, either for the reorganization of the College at Masulipatam on a permanent basis, or for the establishment of a new institution more advantageously located. This will be an entirely new proposition.

Under this temporary scheme the Church Missionary Society proposed to make the Rev. J. Roy Strock, one of our Missionaries in India, Principal of the United Christian College at Masulipatam.

The Board of Foreign Missions having approved this temporary plan and the proposed appointment of the Rev. J. Roy Strock as Principal, asked the sanction of the Executive Board pending final approval by the United Lutheran Church.

The Executive Board took the following action:

(1) That although unconvinced, we yield to the informed opinion of our Foreign Mission Board and Missionaries in India, granting the request made.

(2) That it is understood absolutely that this is merely a temporary arrangement until the Convention of the United Lutheran Church.

(3) That the Missionaries be informed by the Foreign Mission Board that all co-operations must be based upon the principles outlined in the Washington Declaration, D. III and IV.

(4) That we ask the question why, since our Mission possesses an Institution of Learning, only one representative from our Mission is to be upon the College Council, whereas four are to be appointed by the Church Missionary Society.

d. Vacancy filled. On nomination of the Board Prof. C. W. Foss, Ph.D., of the Augustana Synod, was elected ad interim to fill a vacancy in this Board.

3—*Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.*

On nomination of the Board the following ad interim elections were made to fill vacancies: Mr. C. J. Driever, Rev. J. M. Bramkamp, D.D., and Dr. G. E. Holtzapple.

The matter of financial adjustment between the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension and the Northwestern Mission Board, in view of the transfer of certain missions from the former of these Boards to the latter, has been satisfactorily concluded.

4—*Northwestern Mission Board.*

a. The Northwestern Mission Board having inserted in its Constitution the clause concerning literature as required, the Constitution of this Board has been approved.

b. Vacancies filled. On nomination of the Board the following ad interim elections were made: Rev. G. H. Michelmann, Mr. E. A. Muncke, Rev. H. Rembe, Sr. and Mr. H. Muegge.

5—*Immigrants Mission Board.*

a. This Board amended its Constitution by the insertion in Article VIII

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of the words "under direction of the Executive Board and the United Lutheran Church, it shall have authority to publish necessary literature, etc.," and accordingly the Constitution was approved.

b. The transfer of responsibility for all immigrant and emigrant work of the United Lutheran Church from the Board of Inner Mission to that of Immigrant Missions was approved conditionally.

c. Vacancies filled. On nomination of the Board the Rev. E. W. Simon, D.D., and Mr. Frank L. Fox were elected to fill vacancies occurring in that Board.

6—*West Indies Mission Board.*

a. The West Indies Mission Board asked approval by the Executive Board of the following substitute for Article III Section 4 of its Constitution:

Other Lutheran Bodies may, with the approval of the United Lutheran Church in America co-operate with the Board, and may appoint representatives to meet with it as advisory members, and such representatives may be elected in the regular manner to full membership in the Board, provided however, that the whole number of such members shall not exceed three, and provided also that their election shall in no wise, now or hereafter, entitle their respective bodies to any claim upon the property, real or personal, held by or in the name of the Board.

As it now stands Article III, Section 4, reads:

Representatives of other Lutheran Bodies co-operating in the work, may by resolution of the United Lutheran Church in America be admitted to advisory membership.

Inasmuch as this request was in harmony with the action of the Washington Convention concerning a similar amendment to the Constitution of the Board of Foreign Missions, the Executive Board answered that it would recommend to the United Lutheran Church the approval of the substitution asked for provided that the West Indies Mission Board would insert the words "by the United Lutheran Church" after the words "may be elected" and before the words "in the regular manner." The West Indies Board has adopted the suggestion of the Executive Board and the amended form of Article III, Section 4 of the Constitution of that Board is hereby submitted for your ratification in substitution for Article III, Section 4 as it now stands.

b. Vacancies filled. On nomination of this Board the Rev. F. H. Bosch, Mr. Clifford A. Rockwell and the Rev. A. J. Holl were elected.

7—*Board of Education.*

On nomination of this Board Glenn M. Cummings, Esq., was elected.

8—*Inner Mission Board.*

On nomination of this Board the Rev. H. Brueckner and the Hon. C. N. Hoover were elected.

9—*Board of Publication.*

a. On request of the Executive Board the Board of Publication made an appropriation to cover the expenses of the Statistical Secretary of the

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United Lutheran Church and of Statistical Blanks for the use of the Synods.

b. Vacancies filled. On nomination of this Board the Rev. A. H. Holthusen and Mr. Daniel Yost were elected.

10—*Board of Ministerial Relief.*

a. A resolution of the Board of Ministerial Relief, expressing the conviction that it would be unwise to admit to the benefits of its pension fund unordained college professors and teachers in Church Institutions, having been submitted, the Executive Board passed a resolution concurring in the judgment of the Board of Ministerial Relief.

b. The Constitution of this Board has been approved.

c. Vacancies filled. On nomination of this Board, Messrs. T. B. Stork, H. J. Querns and W. Schneider, and the Rev. M. L. Sweizig were elected

11—*Parish and Church School Board.*

a. The Executive Board approved the publication by the Parish and Church School Board of a magazine under the title "Parish and Church School."

b. This Board submitted to the Executive Board the question of the preparation of an official English text of Luther's Small Catechism. The matter was thereupon referred to the Common Service Book Committee in consultation with the Parish and Church School Board.

c. A Standard for Sunday Schools was recommended by this Board and tentatively approved by the Executive Board.

12—*Board of Deaconess Work.*

On nomination of this Board the Rev. J. L. Hoffman was elected.

13—*Executive Committee of Laymen's Missionary Movement.*

The Every Member Canvass has been conducted annually by this agency and it has made arrangements for an Every Member Canvass in November of this year. The Laymen's Missionary Movement has also shown its readiness to co-operate with the Executive Board in the establishment of the Department of Stewardship and Benevolence.

The Executive Board recommends that the United Lutheran Church express its appreciation of the faithful and helpful service rendered by this committee of earnest laymen.

14—*Committee on Jewish Missions.*

On nomination of the Board the Rev. A. E. Bell was elected in place of Rev. F. C. Oberly deceased.

C—Standing Committees.

1—*Statistical and Church Year Book Committee.*

By action of the Executive Board the Secretary of that body was made a member ex-officio of the Statistical and Church Year Book Committee and to him was referred the fixing of the duties of the Statistical Secretary. After consultation with the Rev. Dr. Burgess, Chairman of the

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Statistical and Church Year Book Committee, the duties of the Statistical Secretary were formulated as follows:

(1) To have general charge of gathering and tabulating statistics, and for this purpose to conduct all necessary correspondence with Synodical Statisticians, Boards, Committees, Societies, Institutions, etc.

(2) To furnish to the Lutheran Church Year Book such statistical matter as may be requested for the same, including (a) latest available statistical summaries of all the Constituent Synods of the United Lutheran Church in America with totals; (b) statistics of all institutions of the United Lutheran Church, both educational and charitable, properly classified; (c) and such other statistical summaries as may be desired; (a) and (c) to be submitted not later than November 1, and (b) not later than September 1 of each year.

(3) To gather, tabulate and submit to the Secretary of the United Lutheran Church in America, not later than September 1 of each regular Convention Year, statistical matter for the Minutes of the United Lutheran Church.

The Rev. George L. Kieffer was elected to the office of Statistical Secretary at a salary of $500 per annum, which has been paid by the Board of Publication. The Rev. Mr. Kieffer has faithfully and efficiently discharged the duties of his office. The completeness of his tables tells a tale of patience and persistence.

2—Common Service Book Committee.

An invitation to take part in the preparation of an Intersynodical English Lutheran Hymnal was referred to this Committee for an opinion. The Committee will report at this Convention. The Executive Board approved the opinion of the Common Service Book Committee and appointed the officers of the committee to communicate their action in person to those concerned in the preparation of the proposed Hymnal.

3—Committee on Work Among Boys.

The Executive Board did not find it possible to comply with the recommendations of this committee concerning the employment of a paid Secretary and the appropriation of $1,000 per annum for the use of the committee.

The Executive Board upon request of this committee authorized the publication and distribution of pamphlets setting forth the principles and methods of Summer Camps and Boys' Conferences to Synodical Committees on Boys' Work and such interested persons as may apply, the expense not to exceed $100.

The sphere and duties of the Committee on Work Among Boys have been defined as follows by the Executive Board:

(a) That it shall be the duty of this committee to inform itself about books and other literature suitable for boys to read and for the guidance of parents and others in the rearing of boys, to encourage the preparation of such literature and to give publicity to the same.

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(b) That it shall also be the duty of this Committee to study the various organizations for boys, their principles and aims; also to ascertain the value of the different organizations as developed in connection with congregations, and to advise those seeking information in regard to such organizations.

(c) That this Committee shall suggest to other agencies activities desirable for the welfare of boys.

(d) That this Committee shall have authority to develop through Synods Boys' Conferences and Summer Camps.

4—*Committee on Publicity.*

An appropriation of $500 was made for the use of this Committee for publicity work in connection with this Convention of the United Lutheran Church in America.

5—*Committee on Transportation.*

The Committee on Transportation, of which Mr. Harvey C. Miller is Chairman and the Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D.D., Secretary, secured concessions from the several passenger associations by which delegates and others attending this Convention may, under conditions which have been published, purchase tickets on their return trip at one-half of the regular tariff.

IV. CO-ORDINATIONS

Questions having arisen as to the spheres and functions of certain agencies of the Church in relation to other agencies, the Executive Board, after consultation of its Committee on Boards and Committees with representatives of the agencies concerned, took action with a view to removing confusion and overlapping of the operations of the several agencies.

1—*Inner Mission Board* and *Committee on Moral and Social Welfare.*

With reference to these agencies the following conclusions were adopted:

(a) That the function of the Committee on Moral and Social Welfare is limited to the preparation of literature and is not executive.

(b) The recognition of the fact that the work of the Committee on Moral and Social Welfare belongs to the general category of Inner Mission activities.

(c) That these two agencies should arrange for mutual representation at their respective meetings.

2—*Parish and Church School Board* and *Boys' Work Committee.*

The preparation of a course of study for week-day religious instruction was definitely committed by the Washington Convention to the Parish and Church School Board and it was found that the work of preparing such a course of study was in process. The Committee on Work Among Boys had prepared an Outline for the Guidance of Pastors and others, as well as other material to which reference was made in its report to the Wash-

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ington Convention. In regard to this matter the following was agreed to by these agencies and adopted by the Executive Board:

"That if in preparation of the proposed course of study for week-day religious instruction, the Parish and Church School Board should wish to use any of the material prepared in the last biennium by the Committee on Work for Boys and referred to in its report to the Washington Convention, it will be done in consultation with that Committee."

3—*Luther League, Women's Missionary Society* and *Parish and Church School Board.*

The agencies chiefly concerned in the work among the young people of the Church are those here named. At a conference of representatives of these agencies held under the auspices of the Executive Board's Committee on Survey and Co-ordination, the following arrangement was agreed to and afterwards approved by the Executive Board:

(1) A committee of six, two of whom shall be appointed by the Luther League of America, two by the Women's Missionary Society and two by the Parish and Church School Board, shall be constituted, and this committee shall plan a fully rounded program for the children of the Church.

(2) The organization name for children under fourteen years of age shall be the Light Brigade, and the responsibility for calling and salarying a Superintendent for the Light Brigade, and also for the printing and distributing of programs and literature for the Light Brigade, under the supervision of the Committee of Six provided for above, shall be placed with the Women's Missionary Society and the gifts made by the Light Brigade shall go into the treasury of the Women's Missionary Society.

(3) At the age of fourteen the boys and girls shall be promoted to the Luther League, and the Committee of Six shall submit to the Luther League suggestions for a continuation program.

The Luther League at York rejected this agreement and the matter has been referred by the Executive Board to the Committee on Survey and Coordination.

4—*A New Study of the Spheres of the Several Boards Proposed.*

An appeal came to the Executive Board from the West Indies Mission Board asking for a statement as to its sphere of operations. As it was evident that the Board of Foreign Missions would be concerned, the officers of the Executive Board were instructed to meet with representatives of these two Mission Boards for a conference. When this had been done without any final conclusion the two Boards themselves held a further conference and adopted the following resolution:

"After prayerful, patient and harmonious consideration of the problems confronting these two Boards, in view of the importance of the larger interests of the whole Church revealed by this discussion, be it resolved that this joint committee record as its deliberate judgment that the questions of the spheres of the activities of these two Boards cannot be properly determined until the United Lutheran Church has given further consideration

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to the question of the re-allocation of the work at present assigned to its various Boards."

The Executive Board thereupon took the following action, which is submitted for your approval:

Resolved, 1, That we instruct our Committee on Boards and Committees to begin the study of this question of the determination of the spheres of operation of the Boards.

Resolved, 2, That in order to facilitate their work, we ask the Convention of the United Lutheran Church in Buffalo to instruct all Boards to give their fullest co-operation.

V. NATIONAL LUTHERAN COUNCIL

1—*Lutheran World Convention.*

The Executive Board, having learned that a Committee had been appointed by the National Lutheran Council to plan for a Lutheran World Convention, in harmony with action of the Washington Convention (Min., p. 442), authorized and instructed its officers to confer with the said committee with a view to participation of the United Lutheran Church in such Lutheran World Convention.

2—*European Relief.*

Early in 1921 the National Lutheran Council decided that, in view of the needs presented in the report of the commissioners representing it in its work of relief in Europe, the sum of $1,250,000 represented the minimum that should be asked for and raised by the Churches co-operating in the Council during the year 1921. Acting in accordance with a resolution previously adopted, the Executive Committee of the National Lutheran Council laid its plans before this Executive Board and asked the co-operation of the United Lutheran Church in the effort to raise the needed fund between the 15th and 31st of October, 1921. In response the Executive Board took action approving the continuation of the European Relief and Reconstruction Work and commended the appeal to our people.

3—*Amendment of Regulation.*

The following amendment to the Regulations of the National Lutheran Council was submitted to the Executive Board and approved by it:

In accordance with the resolution of the annual meeting of the Council, the following is submitted to take the place of Paragraph 1 of Article IX of the Regulations governing the National Lutheran Council:

"The annual meeting of the Council for the election of Officers and the transaction of other business, shall be held at the principal office of the Council, or at such other place as may be previously designated by the Council, on the third Thursday in January of each year. At such meetings the Officers shall present full reports of the business and activities of the Council for the preceding year.

"Article XIV of our Regulations provides that the Articles may be amended by an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the members of the Council and an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the Executive Officers of the co-operating Bodies, provided at least sixty days' notice of

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the proposed amendment be given by mail or otherwise, including a copy of the proposed amendment, to each member."

4—*Asks Place on Budget.*

The National Lutheran Council, having adopted certain resolutions specifically defining its work, requested that it be accepted on the budget of the United Lutheran Church for the support of its "Regular Work" and also that it be permitted to appeal to the churches for $850,000 for the prosecution of its "Emergency Work" still in hand. The Executive Board adopted the following resolutions and submits them for your consideration:

First, That the Executive Board approves the resolutions of the National Lutheran Council.

Second, That we approve the recommendation to the United Lutheran Church that, for the Regular Work of the National Lutheran Council as an agency, it be placed on the budget of the Church.

Third, That we approve of the appeal and that it be left in the hands of our Commissioners as to the amount and time.

VI. RELATIONS WITH LUTHERAN CHURCHES IN EUROPE

A communication from the United Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hungary concerning relationship with the United Lutheran Church in America was referred by the Washington Convention to the Executive Board with authority to act as further conference should reveal to be desirable.

The following agreement was submitted to the Executive Board and the President of the United Lutheran Church was authorized to sign it as here appears:

Agreement between the United Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hungary, party of the first part, and The United Lutheran Church in America, party of the second part, the former being represented by the Right Reverend Bishop Alex. Raffay, D.D., the latter by the Rev. Prof. John Alfred Morehead, D.D., Chairman of the European Commission of the National Lutheran Council of America, prepared through Conferences in the months of June and September, 1920.

Inasmuch as the United Lutheran Church of Hungary and the United Lutheran Church in America have attained unity of faith through the common acceptance of the Holy Scriptures and the historic confessions of the Lutheran Church, serving and preaching the same gospel of Christ for the glory of God and the advancement of His Kingdom, they do agree to co-operate in brotherly love for the accomplishment of the following purposes:

(1) Each body will observe with warm interest the plans and work of the other and, to forward this end, approves the exchange of official representatives as frequently as practicable.

(2) The Church of each country will accept for the service of its

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congregations regular pastors from the other, under the usual regulations for receiving them in the Synods or districts concerned, if they are provided with satisfactory letters of recommendation from the proper authority of the body from which they come.

(3) In estimating the amount of pension or stipend to which a pastor is entitled, the years of service devoted to the regular ministry of the Gospel in the related bodies of both Hungary and America shall be included. Should a Pension Association or Pastors' Fund Society find the admittance of a new member a burden because of the extent of his previous service, it is understood that reasonable special financial compensation shall be made by that body in which the greatest term of service has been rendered.

(4) The contracting Church of each country shall recognize the validity of the diplomas of the Seminaries of the other in the same sense as that of the diplomas of its own Schools of Theology.

(5) The Seminaries of the Church of each country may fix the minimum of semesters during which students must attend its own institutions for graduation. Except this limitation, students shall receive equal credit for work done in the Seminaries of both Churches.

(6) In the interest of the uninterrupted care of souls and the conservation of the material of the Church, these contracting bodies of both countries shall adopt measures for the systematic preparation of statistics of emigration and immigration. Information thus secured shall be promptly exchanged for the mutual aid of the two parties concerned.

IN THE NAME OF THE UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA,
F. H. KNUBEL, President.

IN THE NAME OF THE UNITED EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF HUNGARY,
ALEX. RAFFAY, Bishop.

VII. EXTERNAL RELATIONS

A—OTHER LUTHERAN BODIES IN AMERICA.

Official Visitors—In 1921 official visitors were appointed to other Lutheran Church Bodies as follows: Rev. F. F. Fry, D.D., to the Augustana Synod; the Rev. Holmes Dysinger, D.D., LL.D., to the United Danish Lutheran Church; the Rev. F. E. Jensen to the Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Church (Suomi Synod) and to the Evangelical Finnish National Lutheran Church. These visitors all reported that they bore the greetings of the United Lutheran Church in person to the bodies to which they were severally appointed and that they were received with the greatest cordiality.

Dr. Fry reported that of $400,000 for Augustana College and Theological Seminary, $322,600 was already in hand in cash and pledges at the time of the Convention, June 8-10, 1921. He reported also adoption of a resolution by the Augustana Synod that all reports should be handed in both in English and in Swedish.

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Dr. Dysinger reported that the United Danish Lutheran Church celebrated at its meeting, May 28-29, 1921, the quarto-centennial of the Synod's organization. There were large numbers in attendance both of ministers and laity and great interest and enthusiasm were evident throughout the sessions of the Convention. He notes that with a communicant membership of less than 30,000 the United Danish Lutheran Church secured in cash and subscriptions $423,000 and would probably make it more than half a million. Besides this, in a little more than a year, they had raised $117,000 as a Pension Fund for their aged and retired ministers.

The Rev. Mr. Jensen makes mention of the presence of the Rt. Rev. J. Rudolph Koskimies, Bishop of Oulu, Finland, throughout the sessions of the Suomi Synod. The Synod has a total adult membership of 18,228. It took over at this meeting, June 2-3, 1921, the Seamen's Mission of New York, formerly conducted by the Finland Seamen's Mission Society. He gives the total adult membership of the Finnish Evangelical National Lutheran Church as 4,376. Of this body he says: "Its spirit is very strongly evangelistic as against the more conservative spirit of the Suomi Synod."

In 1922 the Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D.D., was appointed as official visitor to the Augustana Synod, which met at St. Paul, Minn., June 15. Dr. Scherer reported that he presented the greetings of the United Lutheran Church, to which the President responded in terms of utmost cordiality, assuring him that as requested there would be present at the Convention of the United Lutheran Church at Buffalo an authorized representative of the Augustana Synod.

Dr. Scherer also visited the Convention of the Norwegian Lutheran Church, which was in session at Minneapolis at the same time. His presence was recognized and he was invited by action of the body to address the Convention, which he did, conveying the greetings of the United Lutheran Church and receiving a cordial response from the President of the Norwegian body.

B—Interdenominational Agencies and Organizations.

Relations with Interdenominational Agencies.

1. At a conference attended by representatives of the Executive Board, the Board of Foreign Missions, the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, the West Indies Mission Board and the Women's Missionary Society, the subject of relations of agencies of the United Lutheran Church in America with the so-called interdenominational or interboard organizations, such as the Foreign Missions Conference, Home Missions Council, etc., was thoroughly discussed. The following conclusions, definitions and advices were agreed upon and reported to the Executive Board and received its approval:

(1) In accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of the United

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Lutheran Church in America no such relationships can be established excepting as authorized by the Church.

(2) Attention is also called to the resolutions on page 455 of the Minutes of the Washington Convention, as follows: They refer to the Declaration concerning the Church and Its External Relationships.

That all officers, Boards, Committees and other agencies of the Church be instructed to govern their policies and actions by the principles here adopted.

The entire matter of Relationships on the basis of the Principles here adopted was referred to the Executive Board, with power.

(3) The approval given to the Home and Foreign Mission Boards, the Board of Education, the Parish and Church School Board and the Women's Missionary Society by the United Lutheran Church applies only to the parallel agencies, commonly called interboard bodies, and not to other organizations (such as the Federal Council of the Churches, with its Commissions.)

(4) The Boards of Northwestern Missions and Immigrants' Missions and the Jewish Mission Committee should be granted tentative permission to enter into the Home Missions Council, and the West Indies Mission Board to enter either the Foreign Missions Conference or the Home Missions Council, if such desire be expressed to the Executive Board by the Boards and Committee mentioned.

(5) All representatives of agencies of the United Lutheran Church are urged to do their utmost so that the representative principle be strongly maintained in all co-operative organizations. This applies to the tendency at present in such organizations themselves to add to the representatives of denominations increasing numbers of individuals, under various designations as members (co-opted, at large, corresponding, advisory, affiliated. etc.) and with varying powers.

(6) In order to preserve the membership of our Church and especially our children and young people from the evil influences of literature which is either unwholesome or not fairly representative of the Lutheran Church, our Boards and the Women's Missionary Society are urged to give strict attention that no literature be published or distributed by them or their representatives as carrying their commendation to the United Lutheran Church unless it has been reviewed by their official representatives and sanctioned by them both as to its soundness of teaching and its fairness toward the history and work of the Lutheran Church. Also, our pastors are cautioned against the use, in schools, societies and study classes, of literature which is not sound and just to the Lutheran Church.

(7) Most prayerful thought is to be given before any plans are undertaken for co-operations on foreign fields along educational lines. In this connection all realized that in medical education such plans are approvable. In other avenues it was agreed that favorable attention by the United Lutheran Church could be based only upon considerations which reveal

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a wide difference between the situation on the foreign field and that on the home field.

The conclusions were communicated to the various Boards and agencies of the United Lutheran Church with the request that copies be furnished by them to their appointed representatives and to the Foreign Missionaries and with the recommendation that they be urged to appreciate that all co-operative work is naturally a very minor element in our work as a Church, because of the principles for co-operation included in the Washington Declaration.

These conclusions, definitions and advices are submitted with the recommendation that they be approved by the United Lutheran Church.

2. At a conference of the officers of the United Lutheran Church and a specially appointed committee of the Parish and Church School Board, composed of Rev. C. P. Wiles, D.D.; Rev. S. W. Herman, D.D., and the Rev. W. L. Hunton, D.D., Ph.D., the following principles governing relationships of the Parish and Church School Board to other bodies were agreed to and were approved by the Executive Board:

(a) Under the Constitution and By-Laws of the United Lutheran Church in America, no Relationships can be established except as they are authorized by the Church; and the officers of this Board are to govern themselves accordingly.

(b) It is fully understood that Relationships may only be established after approval and that such Relationships are to be limited to parallel agencies and are not to include general organizations or commissions.

(c) In any Relationships established the representatives of the Parish and Church School Board are to understand that the representative principle be maintained in co-operative organizations and that co-operation on the part of the Parish and Church School Board shall depend upon the maintenance of this representative principle.

(d) The Parish and Church School Board is to carefully scrutinize literature from outside sources and fully approves the policy that nothing shall be sent out for the use of the schools of the Church which has not been examined, edited and approved by its own Editors.

(e) Before establishing representation in the newly organized Sunday School Council of Religious Education, the new Constitution of that organization shall be examined and approved, especially with respect to its spirit and method of representation.

(f) It is recommended that our Lutheran Sunday School work in the States be organized.

It is imperative that the Parish and Church School Board should develop Lutheran Synodical and Conference Associations.

In local fields provision should be made, through the Conferences or other organizations of Synods, for Lutheran Sunday School Institutes, Conventions, etc. Our pastors and teachers should carefully guard against the introduction into our work of teachings and practices at variance with our Lutheran principles, coming all too frequently through the avenues of local interdenominational S. S. Associations.

(g) We recognize the great value and urgent need of Week-Day Religious Instruction and urge our congregations to establish their own Week-

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Day Schools for Religious Instruction. In the establishment of these schools while co-operation with others in making arrangements may be desirable, the Lutheran Church desires to reserve to herself the actual instruction of her own children.

(h) In the interests of a clearer understanding, the Parish and Church School Board is charged with the responsibility of examining fully into the organization of the World Sunday School Association and to confer with the Foreign Mission Board and the Women's Missionary Society in regard to Relationships in the Foreign Mission Fields.

(i) In order to prevent confusion and insure the uniformity and efficiency of local training schools for teachers and workers the Parish and Church School Board will aim to confer with the Deaconess Board and the Inner Mission Board in order that definite agreement may be reached as to the agency which will be responsible both for the promotion of such schools and for the preparation of standard curricula.

3—*Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America.*

The Committee of Visitors appointed in accordance with the resolution of the United Lutheran Church, consisting of Drs. G. U. Wenner, M. G. G. Scherer, S. W. Herman and E. F. Keever, attended the Quadrennial Meeting of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America at Boston, December 6-8, 1920. By request of the Executive Board President Knubel also attended that meeting. The committee reported their conclusions and recommendations to the Executive Board to which the matter of relations with the Federal Council had been referred by the United Lutheran Church. Thereupon a larger committee was constituted consisting of the members of the Committee of Visitors, President Knubel, Drs. H. A. Weller and J. A. Clutz and Dr. E. Clarence Miller, to confer further with the authorities of the Federal Council. This committee of which President Knubel was made Chairman, held a meeting with representatives of the Federal Council, laid before them certain difficulties which seemed to preclude membership of the United Lutheran Church in the Council, and asked whether a consultative relationship might not be established. The representatives of the Federal Council having expressed a readiness to take up this question for further consideration, the Committee of Conference appointed Drs. Knubel, Wenner and Scherer to conduct further negotiations. Report was made to the Executive Board at its meeting May 12, 1921.

A statement in regard to relations with the Federal Council was prepared and submitted to the Executive Board at its meeting September 13, 14, 1921, and certain portions of the statement were then adopted. The remaining portions in amended form were adopted by unanimous vote of the Executive Board, May 11, 1922. The complete statement is given below at A.

In the meantime the Committee on Relations with the Federal Council reported a Proposal for Relations between the United Lutheran Church and the Federal Council of the Church of Christ in America. This proposal was approved and is also appended at B.

At the meeting of the Executive Board, February 9, 1922, the President reported that the Executive Committee of the Federal Council had approved

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and adopted the specific stipulations and suggestions contained in the proposal, and the Executive Board authorized the Treasurer to comply with the eighth item of the proposal.

A—Statement in Regard to Relations With the Federal Council of Churches.

It is felt that, for the information of the Church, some statement should issue from the Executive Board setting forth the reasons for the decision reached in regard to relations with the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America. A little reflection will make it obvious why such a statement is desirable; and the Board believes that it will be welcomed.

I—Necessity of Determining the Relation.

The question of the relation of the United Lutheran Church to the Federal Council was received as an inheritance along with one of the general bodies that entered into the merger and the matter was referred to the Executive Board at the Merger Convention.[1] But even if there had been no merger there is good reason to believe that this question would have had to be considered by each of the three bodies. In view of the enlarged program of the Federal Council adopted at Boston in December, 1920, which is officially declared to be a "significant advance step" from a constitutional point of view,[2] the General Synod would probably have had to consider whether it would remain in the Federal Council or not. Because of the recent sweeping movement in favor of Church union, in one form or another, the General Council and the United Synod would almost certainly have had to consider whether they could stay out of the Federal Council. Therefore the question has been, to a very large extent, lifted out of the sphere of any one of the former bodies and made a question for the United Lutheran Church to decide upon its own merits; and in that light chiefly it has been viewed.

II—How the Executive Board Has Dealt With the Problem.

The Executive Board promptly took up the problem which had been referred to it and, at its meeting on March 27, 1919, appointed Drs. F. H. Knubel, G. U. Wenner and E. F. Krauss a committee to attend the meeting of the Federal Council with power to act. This committee was present at the special meeting of that body at Cleveland, Ohio, May 6-8, 1919. In its report to the Executive Board[3], the committee says that in an interview with the President of the Federal Council they had stated to him in detail two difficulties which confront us as Lutherans. "One is the tendency, sometimes heard in public speeches of men prominent in the activities of the Council, to emphasize the organization as a manifestation of Christian unity. If such a tendency were to prevail, it would render impossible

[1] See Minutes of the United Lutheran Church, 1918, p. 86.
[2] See F. C. Bulletin, January, 1921, p. 6.
[3] See Minutes, July 8, 1919.

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our membership. We believe in upholding our denominational integrity until Christian unity can come on the basis of common faith. This also prevents the possibility for us of entering into many attempts at local federated effort, at union churches, at so-called "liberty" churches, at restriction of parish boundaries, etc. The second tendency is the one which confuses the spheres of Church and State, and which tends to make the Church as a Church an organized power for bettering evil conditions through legislation."

The committee made no definite recommendations, and the report went on file without action.

The second step was the appointment of a Committee of Visitors to the Quadrennial Meeting of the Federal Council held at Boston, December 1-6, 1920. This committee was appointed in accordance with a resolution of the United Lutheran Church,[1] and consisted of Drs. G. U. Wenner, M. G. G. Scherer, S. W. Herman and E. F. Keever. The committee, in reporting to the Executive Board,[2] gave a comprehensive review of the Constitutional arrangements of the Federal Council directed attention to the elaborate machinery of the organization, to the studied disregard of doctrinal differences, to the enlarged program approved at Boston and to various other pertinent phases of the question, concluding thus: "Your committee has come to the judgment that the United Lutheran Church can be true to its own principles, as set forth in the Declaration so heartily adopted at the Washington Convention, only by maintaining its "separate identity as a witness to the truth which it knows" until God opens the way to a "genuine organic union"[3] with others. We believe also that in this way the United Lutheran Church can, in the far view, the better fulfil its own divinely given service in "the holy Catholic Church, and thus best make answer to its Divine Lord."

The committee recommended, however, that, before final action be taken, an enlarged committee be authorized to confer with the authorities of the Federal Council to ascertain whether it might be possible in any way to effect relations with the Council. The report was received as information and placed on file; the recommendation was approved, however, and to the Committee of Visitors were added the President, Drs. J. A. Clutz and H. A. Weller and Mr. E. Clarence Miller.

This enlarged committee continued the study of the problems, devoting much attention to the official acts and publications of the Council. The committee held a meeting April 20, 1921, and spent a half day studying the question together. All the members were present excepting Drs. Herman and Weller; in place of the latter was Dr. W. D. C. Keiter. The next day the committee met with the representatives of the Federal Council and discussed the problem of relationships with them for several hours. The committee was practically agreed that they could not recommend that the

[1] See Minutes of Second Convention, p. 489.
[2] See Minutes of Ex. Board, February 10, 1921.
[3] See Declaration of Principles, etc., C. III and V, and the whole of D.

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United Lutheran Church become a constituent member of the Federal Council; but arranged, with the approval of the Executive Board,[1] for a further consideration of the following question: "Whether there might be established a consultative relation which would give a voice but no vote, thus securing to the Church in such relation entire autonomy, from beginning to end, in regard to decisions and actions affecting itself, and at the same time the privilege of co-operating in any specific tasks or problems of common interest to all the Churches, as might be determined by such Church or its duly appointed representatives."

Thus it will be seen that the Executive Board has acted very deliberately in this matter, and has reached its decision through an exhaustive study of the question in all of its phases. And it is of sufficient significance to note, that, with an ever changing committee, the reports upon which the Board has based its decision have consistently indicated one and the same course of action.

III—The Decision of the Executive Board.

After prolonged study of the question and close observation of signs and tendencies, the Executive Board has reached the judgment that the United Lutheran Church in America should not enter into corporate relations with, or become a member of, the Federal Council.

IV—Reasons for the Decision.

The reasons for such decision are the following:

First, That we miss in the Constitution of the Federal Council, and likewise in recent utterances of representatives of the principal Churches co-operating in the Council, any definite recognition of the necessity or importance of unity in faith and its confession as a condition of relationships of co-operation in such a federal union as the Federal Council.

Nature of the Federal Council—This at once raises the question of the nature of the Federal Council, which we must explain at some length for the information of the Church.

That it is a union of Churches no one will deny. The first item of the Plan of Federation as given in the Constitution reads thus: "For the prosecution of work that can be better done in union than in separation a Council is hereby established whose name shall be the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America." The words "in union than in separation," bear but one interpretation; and that is that the Federal Council conceives of itself as a union.

When we ask what kind of union it is, the answer must be that it is a federal union. The committee on the War and Religious Outlook,[2] which

[1] See Minutes Ex. Board, May 12, 1921, p. 61.

[2] The book quoted was prepared by a special sub-committee of twenty, representing the Federal Council and practically all of the larger Protestant denominations of the country. The manuscripts of the several chapters were "submitted to the whole committee for discussion, criticism and suggestions." The volume, therefore, is not merely a symposium but a product of a collective study. (See p. IX.) When we quote it, therefore, we are giving the deliberate and combined judgment of many learned and distinguished men.

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was constituted by the joint action of the Federal Council and the General War Time Commission of the Churches, says in the volume on Christian Unity, Its Principles and Possibilities,[1] "By Federal Union we have understood any form of official union between denominations as a whole which leaves their original organization unimpaired and reserves for each of the units thus united a large field of independent power, authority and initiative. The best known example is the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America." According to these authorities the Federal Council is a federal union. It is an "official union between denominations as a whole." It is not claimed that there is reserved for each of the uniting bodies all of the power, authority, and initiative that it possessed before, but only "a large field of independent power, etc." The uniting bodies delegate something to the federated body, either power undefined or powers definitely prescribed. In this case, as we shall see, they are undefined.

What, now is the difference between a federal union and an organic union? It is not that the one is an organized body and the other not; neither is it that the one is a legal entity while the other is not. Either of them may be corporate in both senses, as is the Federal Council of Churches. It is an official body very completely organized for work, and it is incorporated under the laws of the District of Columbia.

The authorities quoted above say: "It is the rentention of the individuality of the uniting Churches unimpaired[2] which differentiates federal union from other forms of corporate union. Even if the constituent bodies in a federal union delegate their powers to a central agency, they are able to resume them at any time. But organic union carries with it a note of irrevocableness, such as exists in the relation of the several states in our nation to the central government."[3]

The difference therefore, between a federal union and an organic union, so far as powers are concerned, is not that the latter has more extensive powers than the former. The reverse may be the case. The difference is that in the case of the federal union the powers delegated by the uniting bodies may be resumed by them at their pleasure whereas those assigned to the organic union are, at least, believed to be surrendered irrevocably.[4]

But this difference is theoretical rather than real. As a member of a federal union a body has always three courses open to it: It can simply acquiesce in everything that the union does or proposes and move quietly along; it can object when it will, but still be willing to retain its membership at the risk of being looked upon as a factional and discordant element; or it can withdraw. As a member of an organic union it can do the first two and possibly the last, especially where, as in the case of churches, there is no physical power to prevent its withdrawal.[5]

[1] Christian Unity, p. 194.
[2] Note how this world is explained. A uniting Church is "unimpaired" in that it is *able to resume* the powers granted. Note also that it is not said that the *powers* of the uniting Churches are unimpaired but their "individuality."
[3] Christian Unity, p. 194.
[4] Christian Unity, p. 194f.
[5] Christian Unity, p. 196f.

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When, therefore, the Federal Council says that it is not an organic union, what must we understand it to mean? We can understand only that whatever powers are delegated to it by a constituent body may be resumed by that body through withdrawal at any time, so that the Council can no longer act or speak in its name.

Resumption of powers by a constituent body, however, does not relieve it of responsibility for the acts and deliverances of the Council during the time that the body was a member. Furthermore, it should be remembered that, when a large body in which minds differ upon this question of union has once entered the Federal Council, the matter of withdrawal is not so simple and easy as it may seem. If there be any thought of ever coming out it were better, perhaps, not to enter, for it might not come out whole.

Unity in Faith and Its Confession Not Conserved.—For a thorough understanding and appreciation of the *first reason* for the decision of the Executive Board it is necessary, at this point, to present more fully that which is there concisely stated, namely, that we miss in the Constitution of the Federal Council any definite recognition of the necessity or importance of unity in faith and its confession as a condition of relationships of co-operation.

The Federal Council is a union "for the prosecution of work;"[1] and there is no other limitation[2] set to the work that it may undertake than is contained in the description, "work that can be better done in union than in separation." The Federal Council is not a union for the purpose of preserving and extending the pure teaching of the Gospel and the right administration of the sacraments. It makes no point of conserving the unity of the true faith, guarding against departure therefrom, or of strengthening the Church in faith and its confession.[3] All of these things are left entirely to the denominations, the Federal Council is for service, for work. It has no creed or confession of its own to constitute a bond of union between its member bodies; its unity is not a unity in faith; it consists of a uniting in service without regard to questions of faith. The only thing in its Constitution approximating a confession of its faith is found in what is authoritatively spoken of as "its unalterable preamble."[4] This "states the rock on which they stand." It is as follows:

"Whereas, In the providence of God, the time has come when it seems fitting more fully to manifest the essential oneness of the Christian Churches of America in Jesus Christ as their divine Lord and Saviour, and to promote the spirit of fellowship, service, and co-operation among them, the delegates to the Interchurch Conference on Federation assembled in New York City, do hereby recommend the following Plan of Federation to the Christian bodies represented in this Conference for their approval."

[1] See the Plan of Federation as quoted above.
[2] See also Christian Unity, p. 195.
[3] See Const. of U. L. C. A. Art. VI, Secs. 1 and 2.
[4] Report of Committee on Methods of Cooperation, 1920, p. 6.

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"The essential oneness of the Christian Churches of America in Jesus Christ as their divine Lord and Saviour" is the rock. We greatly rejoice that the Federal Council officially declares so far the faith on which it stands. It so interprets this declaration that it has thus far declined to admit Unitarians and Universalists; but Unitarians, denying as they do the *deity* of Jesus Christ, can so interpret the words "divine Lord and Saviour" as to accept them and join the Federal Council without any change in the Preamble. If they were required to dot the i and cross the t, they would not do it. This differs greatly from the Nicene Creed in which we confess that Christ is "Very God of Very God"; from the Augsburg Confession,[1] according to which we teach that there is "one Christ, true God and true man;" and from Luther's Small Catechism wherewith we heartily say, "I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, etc." It differs also just as much from our *Declaration of Principles* in which we propose "as a criterion by which it may be possible for us to determine our attitude toward proposed movements of co-operation," the following: "The true Godhead of Jesus Christ and His redemption of the world by His life and death and resurrection."[2]

The Executive Board believes that for the United Lutheran Church to subscribe to such a statement as that contained in the Preamble referred to would be to show itself willing to speak in terms which are equivocal. The Executive Board believes also that for the United Lutheran Church to co-operate heartily in an organization in which so little importance is attached to the faith and its confession, that the organization seems actually to be afraid of it, would be impossible; and that, in the effort to do so, its testimony to the truth which it holds would be weakened, and that it would become more difficult even to keep alive the spirit of testimony.[3] Therefore, the judgment of the Executive Board is that the United Lutheran Church cannot enter into corporate union with the Federal Council and be true to its own confessions. It cannot regard the assumed "essential oneness of the Christian Churches of America in Jesus Christ as their Divine Lord and Saviour" as an adequate statement of Christian unity or a sufficient ground for union in organization.

A second Reason for the decision of the Executive Board has been briefly and comprehensively stated as follows:

That we note a strong tendency on the part of the Federal Council to set up much machinery in the effort to have the world in its organisms follow Christian principles, even though the world in those organisms has not been truly converted to Christian principles.

A—*Position of the Federal Council More Fully Stated.*

1. The "tendency" and practical working of the Federal Council here

[1] Article III.
[2] Declaration of Principles III, 2.
[3] See Declaration of Principles A, V, 2, 4; VII 4; C. D. I and IV 2.

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noted grow out of its failure properly to distinguish, according to Holy Scripture, between the legalistic and the evangelical principles, between the true functions of the State and those of the Church.

2. The failure to make this distinction shows itself in the Council's acts and also in its dealings, as an organization representing the Churches, with questions of political, social and industrial relations. Attention is here called especially to the *Social Creed of the Churches* and to the four Resolutions adopted by the Federal Council at Cleveland in May, 1919.[1] An organized federation of Christian Churches, which does not adopt a creed as the expression of what it believes concerning God and His revealed truth, promulgates a Social Creed of sixteen articles. The articles of this "Creed" for which "the Churches stand," and the four resolutions which they "affirm" all have reference to matters of detail in social, economic, and industrial life—dealing with questions of rights, laws and regulations, employment and leisure, wages and division of profits.

3. The principles laid down, with a few possible exceptions, may be sound if impartially carried out; though some of them seem hardly practicable. But, however just they are, they are not distinctively Christian. No Christian faith whatever is required for the acceptance of those principles. The acceptance of them does not make men Christians nor prove that they are such. It may be a duty of Christians to stand for them; but it is no distinctive mark of Christians. Multitudes who accept them and fight for them spurn the very name of Christ and of God.

4. In the advocacy and establishment of these principles the Federal Council thinks "to promote the application of the law of Christ in every relation of human life."[2] If men accept these principles and freely conform their lives to them, well and good; if they do not they must be compelled; the Churches must co-operate to see that they be enacted into laws and enforced,[3] and thus, not by the preaching of the Gospel of the Kingdom which the Saviour commanded, but by resort to force must the Kingdom be built.

B—*The Position of the Lutheran Church.*

a. *In Principle.* 1. The Lutheran Church cannot accept any such conception of its task. As it thinks, the Church cannot become an arbiter in disputes about human rights; the border land between the rights of contending parties is often too undefined and indistinct. In such cases the Church must say as did our Lord, "Who made me a judge or a divider over you?" Only when one party or the other plainly violates a com-

[1] For both of these see Report of Commission on the Church and Social Service at Boston in December, 1920, p. 38f. For the history of the Social Creed of the Churches see Federal Council Bulletin, April-May, 1921, p. 53. See also the provisional statement of Christian Principles which should be applied to Industrial Relationships. Report of the Committee on the Church and Social Service, p. 35f. See also the Churches Allied (1921) p. 112, a, b, c, d.

[2] See Constitution of Federal Council—Objects, IV.

[3] See proposed Council of Churches for New York State, p. 6, item 9. See also The Churches Allied (1921), p. 340f.

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mand of God or the law of the land can the Church pronounce judgment and in every such pronouncement it must speak as of the oracles of God.

2. Again, the Lutheran Church holds that it is not for the Church as an organization to propose laws, or to turn aside from its work of preaching the Word of God to undertake the promotion of righteousness by the arm of the civil power.[1] Civil government is of God's ordinance as truly as is the Church; to each He has assigned its own proper work. The Church may not intrude itself upon the domain of the State, precisely as the Church cannot suffer the State to interfere with its internal affairs.

3. The work of the Church is fundamental to and promotive of good government, but its goal is not government however just and wise and good. The Church's vision and aim extend much farther. It seeks larger and better things than law and government can even require. It preaches that men should do justly; but more than this, it preaches repentance for sin and faith in Christ; it preaches love, compassion, mercy, forbearance, self-renunciation, service, seeking others' good and not one's own. This is its greatest work and value as a social influence and power, and when it busies itself in pressing for the enactment and enforcement of specific laws it resigns its proper function and descends from a higher, broader and more constructive activity to one that is of a lower and narrower range, and that may become both meddlesome and divisive. The work of the Church comes not so much after disputes to settle them as before to prevent them; not so much after acts of lawlessness and violence to punish them as before to forestall them by inculcating the principles of justice and mercy, and the fear of God. The Church comes not to take up the work of judgment, but rather to save men from judgment. The spirit of the Church and its work are portrayed in the example of Jesus at Nazareth, when He read from the book of the prophet Esaias, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the Gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord."[2]

The two conceptions of the spirit and task of the Church are well represented by the statues of Luther at Worms and of Zwingli at Zurich. Luther is armed only with the Bible, Zwingli bears a Bible in one hand and a sword in the other.[3]

b. *In Practice.* 1. The Lutheran Church, however, recognizes a positive duty in these matters. Christians are to be the leaven of society. Christ calls his disciples "the salt of the earth" and "the light of the world." He commands them to let their light so shine before men that they may see their good works and glorify their Father which is in heaven. Therefore, the Church can and should preach obedience to God, and also to the laws of the commonwealth. It should urge that legislators

[1] See Declaration of Principles D, IV, 3.
[2] On this entire division see Declaration of Principles A, V, 3 and D, IV, 3.
[3] Cambridge Modern History, Vol. II, p. 208.

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owe it to God and their fellowmen to enact such laws, and only such, as will promote justice and the peace and safety of all the people; and that judges, magistrates and jurors owe it to God and their fellow men to deal out even-handed justice to all, regardless of wealth or standing. It should urge that the people cast their votes in the fear of God for men who will seek justice above all things. In all of the Church's preaching and teaching, however, it must carefully avoid creating or fostering the impression that a "civil righteousness" makes men "righteous before God," or can establish the Kingdom of God on the earth. (Ap. Augs. Conf. Chap. II, Art. IV 2, 6.)

In harmony with this, the historic teaching of our Church, and in the application of these principles to the needs of the present day, the United Lutheran Church in America believes and holds that:

2. It is the duty of Christians as members of society so to order their lives, conduct their business, and perform their social tasks as to promote justice and good will among men and to secure the highest economic, moral and spiritual development of all the members of the social order. It is their further duty to use their influence to secure similar action on the part of others.

3. It is the duty of Christians to use their influence and rights as citizens to secure the election or appointment to office of good and honest men, who will make and execute just and righteous laws, and will administer the affairs of government as a public trust, in the best interests of all the people. It is also their duty in every possible way to encourage and assist officials in the faithful discharge of their duties.

4. It is the right and duty of organized groups of Christians, such as congregations and Synods, to direct and assist their members in the determination of their duty as Christian citizens and members of society by declaring to them the teachings of the Word of God on these subjects, and by showing them how the principles of the Gospel are to be applied to the peculiar problems and tasks of this generation.

5. It is also the right and duty of these organized groups of Christians, when occasion demands and the Word of God justifies, to speak for the enlightenment of public opinion and the awakening of the public conscience concerning matters which affect the public welfare.

6. It is, therefore, the duty of such organized groups of Christians to qualify themselves for the performance of these tasks by the careful study of all the questions involved, and by the creation for this purpose of suitable and competent committees or commissions, ever remembering that the Church and its representatives must always seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and of the Word of God, the means whereby the Holy Spirit enlightens and directs His people, and that they can speak only when, and as, the Holy Scriptures warrant them to speak. The Church must speak with a voice that is distinct from and more authoritative than the voice of merely human wisdom.

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7. It is the duty of the pastors and members of our congregations not to speak on these matters hastily, or unadvisedly and without due knowledge, lest they may confuse the minds of the people, and hinder rather than help the cause of truth and righteousness.

A third reason for the judgment and decision of the Executive Board in this matter is:

That the Federal Council does not clearly, definitely and specifically set forth the things in which the Churches may co-operate without any one of them being led into acquiescence in what it regards as error, or into suppression of its testimony to the truth which it holds;[1] but that on the other hand the program of the Federal Council is so constructed as to embrace practically every activity of the Church.

It is not a chief concern of the Federal Council to preclude the danger that any of the Churches, by uniting in its fellowship and co-operative activities, might become less watchful to maintain pure doctrine and less prompt to bear its own testimony; if it were, the Council would carefully limit its program to those interests which the Churches have in common and which do not involve any doctrinal implication or commitment. The fact is, however, that its tasks are not specifically stated; and there is no attempt whatever to delimit the scope of its activities. If one examines the Constitution of the Federal Council, the records of its proceedings and those of its Commissions and Committees, or if he reads its official publications, he will look in vain for a single mention of any form of activity which it were better to leave to the Churches themselves. The constitutional provisions are so liberal, and the organization is so complete, that every department of Church work could easily be taken over and managed by the Council, if the Churches would agree to it and provide the means. The fact is that the program of its work has lagged far behind what is desired and what it could become without overstepping constitutional limitations; and it cannot be denied that the Federal Council is now aiming to enlarge its program, without setting any limits, and that it is trying to get the Churches to agree to this and to furnish the money. It is plain that the success of the present movement would greatly strengthen the Federal Council and correspondingly diminish the importance of the denominational bodies, except as contributors to the larger work of the Council. The only condition that is required to bring this result to pass is the ability of the Federal Council to make it appear to the co-operating Churches that this would be the better way. It is impossible to resist the conclusion that the present aspiration of the leaders in the Federal Council is toward a closer union of the Churches in the Council, not barring ultimately the idea of one organized Church; and that, without any effort or apparent disposition to provide and maintain a pure Scriptural faith and confession. This is contrary to the whole Lutheran conception of the unity of the Church and of its relation to the Word of God as interpreter and

[1] Declaration of Principles A. VII 4 and D. I.

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witnesser, as is clearly and abundantly set forth in the "Declaration of Principles" adopted at Washington 1920.[1] Therefore again, the Executive Board takes the position that The United Lutheran Church cannot become a member of the Federal Council of Churches.[2]

As specific lines of activity emphasized by the Federal Council in which the United Lutheran Church cannot co-operate with it on the commonly accepted principles and methods, the Executive Board would cite especially the work of the Commission on Evangelism, and that of the Commission on Interchurch Federations. Neither can it co-operate in the activities of other commissions whose purpose and scope would in any wise encroach upon the teaching function of the Church.

V—*Co-operation.*

We believe, however, that there are interests which are common to all of the Churches and in regard to which there may be a certain measure of co-operation without involving for any one of the co-operating Churches the question of fidelity to the faith which it confesses. In this sense we have proposed to the representatives of the Federal Council the establishment of a consultative relation with that Body, as defined in the last paragraph but one under II above. We therefore so recommend.

A—Co-operation of The United Lutheran Church with the Federal Council. We have drawn up the following list of activities in which we believe that The United Lutheran Church can thus co-operate with the Federal Council without becoming a member body, and have notified the officers of the Council that the Executive Board will welcome the opportunity so to co-operate upon invitation or notification.

a. Study of the Question of Christian unity.
b. Common Phases of Educational Work.
c. In Reference to Army and Navy Chaplains.
d. General Surveys when such seem to be urgently needed.
e. Conference and Exchange of Departmental Plans.
f. Declaration on Matters of Public Concern—These to be submitted to the Executive Board for approval before publication and to be published by authority of those Bodies only which approve.
g. Relief for Stricken Countries, Sections, etc.
h. Assembling and Publishing of Church Statistics.
i. General Publicity for all Co-operating Churches.
j. Transportation arrangements.
1. We ask the approval of this.
2. We would recommend (a) that, following the same principles, the Executive Board be authorized to add other items to the above list as occasion may require; (b) that co-operation in such activities as are here specified be referred to the Executive Board, which shall make full report, however, to the convention; and (c) that the United Lutheran Church

[1] See Declaration of Principles A. VII 1, 4; C. I, II; D. I. See also Augsburg Confession Ar. VII.
[2] See Declaration of Principles, C. V., D. II (a), (b), (c).

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make provision for the payment of its reasonable share of the expenses of such co-operation.

B—STATE COUNCILS OR FEDERATIONS. Inasmuch as the chief task of the Commission on Interchurch Federations is that of organizing Councils or Federations (State and Local), securing Secretaries for them and inaugurating a program of work,[1] it seems necessary that, for the guidance of the Constituent Synods, pastors and congregations of the United Lutheran Church something should be said concerning such Councils or Federations.

The state organizations, whether the one name or the other be employed, are modeled upon the plan of the Federal Council. The Constitution begins with the same Preamble.[2] They are "formed only through the official action of State or District ecclesiastical bodies."[3] Their objects are much the same. For example, Article II of the Proposed Tentative Constitution of the Council of Churches for the State of New York reads as follows:

"The purpose of this Council shall be: (1) To realize essential unity among the Christian forces of the State on a basis of mutual respect; (2) to develop an aggressive co-operative program for the Churches in the interest of the Kingdom of God; (3) to encourage and assist in the formation and development of local councils in the cities, villages, communities and counties of the state for the promotion of the same ends."

They have a program which conforms very closely to that of the Federal Council as represented by its various commissions.[4] In the Program of the State Federations there is not a single activity requiring a permanent organization and working force which is not covered by the Federal Council and its Commissions or by the local federation. Indeed it is difficult to understand what cause the State Federations can serve save the cause of union in the Federal Council. It may be seriously questioned whether the time, energy and money put into them are profitably expended.

The Executive Board would recommend that the attention of Constituent Synods be called to Article VIII, Section 1 of the Constitution of the United Lutheran Church, which provides that "no Synod shall have power of independent affiliation with general organizations and movements," and that the Synods be advised that it is the judgment of the United Lutheran Church that not only on account of the constitutional limitation but also in the interest of a wise stewardship of time, money and energy, to say nothing of fidelity to our Church's confessional position, the right course for them to pursue is to decline organic relations with the State Federations.

C—LOCAL COUNCILS OR FEDERATIONS. The United Lutheran Church has approved the principle, that "the Synods with their elected officials

[1] See The Churches Allied p. 217. See also Together p. 9.
[2] See proposed Council of Churches for New York State p. 4.
[3] Ib. p. 3.
[4] See the Program of the Ohio Federation on p. 6 of the Proposed Council of Churches for New York State and compare it with the list of Commissions of the Federal Council.

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constitute the pre-eminent authority in relation to the congregations."[1] Nevertheless, the United Lutheran Church has the right and the duty to conserve among its people the unity of the true faith, to guard against any departure therefrom, and to strengthen the Church in faith and confession,[2] and to this end to advise its pastors and congregations.

The United Lutheran Church cannot authorize any relationship on the part of Synods, Boards, pastors, congregations or societies which would compromise loyalty to its confessional position or imply any abatement of its jealous guardianship of the faith.[3] The Executive Board believes that to co-operate in good faith with others in any organization which purposely works with eyes closed to confessional differences, would necessarily involve in practice that which would amount to "the surrender of our interpretation of the Gospel, the denial of conviction, or the suppression of our testimony to what we hold to be the truth."[4]

1. We recommend therefore; (1) that the consultative relation as defined in the last paragraph but one under II be recognized as the pattern for co-operative relationships in general; (2) that, accordingly, the United Lutheran Church advise that its pastors and congregations decline corporate membership in local Councils, Federations or other organizations based upon the principles disapproved in this statement; and (3), that the United Lutheran Church, recognizing that there may be a participation in certain matters of common interest to all the Churches without involving the question of fidelity to the faith which our Churches confess, approve of co-operation on the part of its pastors and congregations with local Councils or Federations, in such undertakings as the following:

a. The study of the Question of Christian Unity in accordance with the Declaration of Principles, Divisions C and D.

b. Common Phases of Educational Work.

c. Surveys in cities and rural territories in order that there may be made available full information concerning the number and ecclesiastical affiliation of the unchurched.

d. Declaration on Matters of Public Concern to be published by authority of those Churches only which approve.

e. Relief for Stricken Countries, Sections, etc.

f. Rescue Work, Listing Delinquents, etc., and referring them to the Churches with which they may be affiliated.

g. Relief Work (local).

h. Publicity for the Churches.

2. We recommend, with reference to the Commissions on Evangelism, on the Church and Social Service, and on Interchurch Federations, that our pastors and congregations maintain an attitude in harmony with that

[1] Minutes of the Second Convention, p. 87.
[2] Constitution of the U. L. C., Art. VI, Sec. 2. See also Declaration of Principles E., passim.
[3] Constitution of the U. L. C., Art. II, also third and fourth paragraphs of the Preamble.
[4] Declaration of Principles, D. I.

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of the United Lutheran Church. (See last paragraph under IV above.)

In conclusion: We recommend the adoption of the following statement:

The United Lutheran Church, in thus defining its relation to the Federal Council and to other Churches, disavows any spirit of self-righteousness and avows a courteous, respectful and friendly attitude toward them. It professes love to them as those who love the Lord. It takes the position which it does simply because it believes itself to be evangelical and catholic in its teaching, and consequently feels itself bound to bear witness constantly and unequivocally to the truth which it believes and by its testimony, to secure if possible the universal acceptance of that truth.[1] Its aim is not to make proselytes, but to spread the truth of the Gospel as it knows that truth. It believes also that in maintaining the position which it does it is serving the cause of full freedom in religion for which it has stood since the Reformation.

B—Proposal for Relations Between the United Lutheran Church in America and the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America.

We, the undersigned Committee of The United Lutheran Church in America, do hereby propose, on behalf of the said United Lutheran Church in America, and by authority of its Executive Board, the establishment of relations with the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America on the following terms, if the same should be found acceptable to the Federal Council:

1st. That the relation shall be of a consultative character, by which The United Lutheran Church may have a voice but no vote; thus securing to it entire autonomy, from beginning to end, in regard to the decisions and actions of the Federal Council of Churches, and, at the same time, the privilege of co-operating in such tasks and problems as it may elect.

2nd. That The United Lutheran Church shall appoint its own representatives who shall be its spokesmen, and who shall report to the Executive Board of The United Lutheran Church.

3rd. That the particular lines of co-operation shall be determined by the Executive Board of The United Lutheran Church in accordance with the principle that the attitude of the Church toward any co-operative organization or movement "must be determined by a consideration of

(a) The purposes which it seeks to accomplish.

(b) The principles on which it rests.

(c) The effect which our participation will produce upon the independent position of our Church as a witness to the truth of the Gospel which we confess."

In harmony with the above, we submit herewith detailed arrangements for the present time, by which, if acceptable to the Federal Council, the proposed relationship may become practically effective.

[1] Declaration of Principles, A. V. 4, and A. VII, 1.

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1st. The dropping of the name of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church from the roster of the Federal Council.

2nd. That the name of The United Lutheran Church in America may be used by the Federal Council only in connection with a statement or indication of its consultative relationship.

3rd. That if desired, The United Lutheran Church will appoint friendly visitors to the meetings of the Federal Council and to those of the Executive Committee.

4th. That if the Federal Council shall appoint members at large from The United Lutheran Church on their Administrative Committee it is understood that such appointees can act only in their individual capacity.

5th. That it be understood that The United Lutheran Church will at present, arrange for co-operation in the following matters:

a. Study of the Question of Christian Unity.
b. Common Phases of Educational Work.
c. In Reference to Army and Navy Chaplains.
d. General Surveys when such seem to be urgently needed.
e. Conference and Exchange of Departmental Plans.
f. Declaration on Matters of Public Concern—These to be submitted to the Executive Board for approval before publication and to be published by authority of those Bodies only which approve.
g. Relief for Stricken Countries, Sections, etc.
h. Assembling and publishing of Church Statistics.
i. General Publicity for all Co-operating Churches.
j. Transportation arrangements.

Other items may be added to the above list as action may require.

6th. In accordance with the statement in five above The United Lutheran Church will, at present, appoint consultative members on the Commission on Education, the Commission on International Justice and Goodwill, and the Washington Committee.

7th. We request, as a courtesy, that copies of the Minutes of the Conventions, also of the meetings of the Executive Committee and the Administrative Committee of the Federal Council be forwarded to the President of The United Lutheran Church in America.

8th. That The United Lutheran Church will pay to the Federal Council of Churches the amount of $2,000 up to the time of the next Convention of The United Lutheran Church (October 1922) when a new budget will be determined.

The following appointments were made to various Commissions and Committees of the Federal Council:

Administrative Committee: Rev. G. U. Wenner, D.D., L.H.D., Rev. A. Steimle, D.D.

Washington Committee (Army & Navy Chaplains): Rev. Chas. F. Steck, D.D., Rev. Chas. M. Jacobs, D.D.

Commission on Christian Education: Rev. G. U. Wenner, D.D., L.H.D.,

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Rev. A. Steimle, D.D., Rev. E. C. Cronk, D.D., Rev. C. P. Wiles, D.D.

Commission on International Justice and Goodwill: Rev. E. H. Delk, D.D., Rev. J. B. Remensnyder, D.D., Rev. L. B. Wolf, D.D. (Committee on the Orient), Rev. F. H. Knubel, D.D., LL.D.

4—*World Conference on Faith and Order and the Universal Conference of the Church of Christ on Life and Work.*

Formal invitations having been received requesting the United Lutheran Church to take part in the World Conference on Faith and Order and the Universal Conference of the Church of Christ on Life and Work, the Secretary of the Executive Board was requested to prepare statements showing the principles and aims of these organizations or movements. His statements were submitted to the Executive Board in July, 1922. In the meantime the President received an urgent invitation from Prof. K. B. Westman of the University of Upsala to attend a meeting of the Committee of Arrangements for the Conference on Life and Work in August at Haelsingborg, Sweden. Because of the necessity of immediate reply the President answered this letter stating reasons why he could not accept the invitation. The President's letter to Prof. Westman, which applies to both of the Conferences above named, was also laid before the Executive Board at its meeting in July. The Board approved of the steps taken by the Secretary and the President and instructed them to prepare for the submission of these matters to the Convention.

(1) STATEMENTS.

a—*World Conference on Faith and Order.*

The World Conference on Faith and Order was first proposed by The Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America at the General Convention of that body in 1910. A Commission was appointed charged with the duty of bringing about a Conference for the consideration of questions touching Faith and Order. "All Christian Communions throughout the world which confess our Lord Jesus Christ as God and Saviour" were to be asked to unite "in arranging for and conducting such a Conference." The Churches were invited on equal terms, and a large number of them appointed Commissions. Several meetings were held the chief business of which was to lay plans for a Preliminary Conference for the purpose of arranging for the World Conference as the ultimate goal. This Preliminary Meeting was held at Geneva, Switzerland, August 12-20, 1920. At that time there had been appointed Commissions representing seventy Churches, divided into fifteen groups, Episcopalian and non-Episcopalian.

The object to be sought by the proposed Conference is variously stated; as, "The visible unity of Christ's Church," "an outward and evident unity of the Church of God," "the visible unity of the Church." And the aim is "nothing less than the unity of the whole of Christendom." Expressions

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like the following were in frequent use by the representatives of the several Churches; "The inclusive Church," "The comprehensive Church," "Something which would involve both Protestant and Catholic." "Mediating conceptions" concerning the Church and its necessary unity are to be sought.

The spirit of the Preliminary Meeting, as shown by the Report, was devout and earnest in its quest, fearless in regard to the facing of issues, frank in the statement of views, fair in the treatment of groups.

The subjects discussed were *The Church and the nature of the United Church* and *The Place of the Bible and a Creed in relation to reunion.*

A Continuation Committee, "charged with the duty of carrying on the work of preparation for the World Conference or Conferences on Faith and Order," was appointed. The Committee as elected by the Conference consisted of 53 members. It was given power to add to the membership. The Committee was made "as broadly representative as practicable of the various groups of Communions" represented in the Preliminary Meeting. The Committee organized by the election of

Rt. Rev. Charles H. Brent, D.D., Bishop of Western New York, Chairman.
George Zabriskie, D.C.L., 49 Wall St., New York City, Treasurer.
Robert H. Gardiner, 174 Water St., Gardiner, Maine, Secretary.

There was a Business Committee of eight members, plus the Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary. There was also a Subjects Committee, originally of five members named from the Continuation Committee, but having power to add to its numbers, provided that the number so added be never in excess of the number of its members who were also members of the Continuation Committee.

The two subjects noted above and other statements submitted at the Conference were referred to the Continuation Committee with instructions to prepare for their fuller consideration at the First World Conference.

The following considerations should be taken account of as at least claiming serious thought on our part in the determination of our attitude toward the proposed Conference.

(1) This Conference, from the very birth of the idea until now, has been fostered and promoted by Church authority and with all Church formalities.

(2) The number and standing of the Churches which have officially endorsed the Conference. At the Preliminary Meeting at Geneva (Aug. 1920) the delegates represented forty nations and eighty autonomous Churches, including all the great families or groups of Trinitarian Churches, except the Church of Rome which had declined to participate. Among these were the Lutheran Churches of Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Hungary.

(3) The unexampled opportunity which this Conference would afford for bearing testimony to the truth which we hold and to co-operate with others in the effort to reach a common understanding as to the nature and unity of the Church.

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Following are the chief considerations which must be weighed over against those just stated.

(1) The inherent difficulty in the attempt to reconcile the conflicting views as to the Church and its true unity. This difficulty appears in the very name of the Conference, where the question of Order is made co-ordinate with that of the Faith of the Church.

(2) The equally staggering difficulty involved in the attempt to reach positive agreements concerning the truth for which the united Church is to stand.

(3) The consequent improbability of the realization of a permanent and valid union of the Churches.

b—UNIVERSAL CONFERENCE OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST ON LIFE AND WORK.

(1)—*Origin.* The Paris Conference November 17th, 1919, was called by a Committee consisting of Archbishop Soderblom of Sweden, Dean Herold of Switzerland and Dr. Chas. S. Macfarland, Secretary of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America. (Records of Preliminary Meeting page 3f.)

The original proposal for such a Conference was made by Archbishop Soderblom at the Hague Conference of World Alliance for International Friendship Through the Churches in 1919. (Announcement page 2 (8).)

At the request of the Paris Conference mentioned above a call was issued by the Federal Council for a Conference at Geneva in August, 1920. the purpose being as stated "to confer upon the calling of an ecumenical conference of Church bodies to consider the urgent practical tasks of Christian life and service and the possibilities of world-wide co-operation in testimony and action. (Records p. 5.)

(2)—*Preliminary Meeting.* A preliminary meeting was held at Geneva August 9-12, 1920. There were one hundred and one persons in attendance from various countries and Churches. (Records page 22.) Those who did not have credentials properly issued by the Bodies which they represented were co-opted and seated as members of the preliminary meeting. (Records p. 17.)

The chief thing done by the preliminary meeting was the appointment of a Committee of Arrangements with power to organize and to add to its own number, preferably by securing the appointment of new members from the Bodies to be represented in the Conference. (Records p. 18.)

The committee was instructed to invite all Christian communions to participate in the proposed Conference. (Records page 17.) Numerous suggestions as to a program for the proposed Conference were referred to the Committee of Arrangements. (Records pp. 14, 55.) To this Committee was also referred the determination of time and place for the Conference, it being recommended that the Conference be held, if practicable, sometime during 1922; otherwise 1923. (Records page 19.)

(3)—*The Committee of Arrangements.* The first and second sessions

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of the Committee of Arrangements were held August 12 and 13, 1920. At the first session the question was raised as to whether the members of the Committee were to be considered as individuals or as representatives of their several ecclesiastical bodies. It was agreed "that the members of the preliminary committee are to be considered only as representatives of the Conference but not of their ecclesiastical bodies and that the decisions of the Committee are subject to the approval of their bodies." (Records p. 26.)

The committee voted that the name of the Conference should provisionally be "Universal Conference of the Church of Christ on Life and Work." The hope is expressed that this Conference will become ecumenical. (Records p. 28.)

The committee voted also "to divide the world into four groups; first, the Eastern Church with their own Chairman and Committee; second, a European Continental group with Chairman, Secretary and Committee; third, a British group including the British Empire; and fourth, an American group including South America." (Records page 28 and Minutes of Meeting of the American Section of the Committee of Arrangements, Nov. 2, 1921, page 6.)

The time and place of the proposed conference have not yet been decided. The American Section is of the opinion that the Conference should not be held earlier than the summer of 1924. An invitation presented by Archbishop Söderblom to hold the proposed Conference in Sweden was referred to the Committee of Arrangements and seems to be regarded with much favor. (Records p. 19.)

It was decided by the Committee that each section should be asked to provide for its own expense. (Records p. 28.)

(4)—*Purpose of the Conference.* Probably no more definite statement of the purpose of the proposed Conference can be given than that issued by the Committee of the American Section in the Announcement recently issued. The following is quoted from that paper:

> The purpose of the Conference is not primarily to promote the reunion of Christendom, though such co-operation between the Churches as is proposed would undoubtedly help to this end. It is not intended to deal with questions of Faith and Order. The purpose is rather to concentrate the thought of Christendom on the mind of Christ as revealed in the Gospels toward those great social questions, industrial and international, which are so acutely urgent in every country. . . .
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> This movement is to be carefully distinguished from four other movements. It is to be distinguished from the Interchurch World Movement in that it does not propose to inaugurate a campaign for raising funds beyond the actual needs of the Conference itself. This is to be a conference pure and simple, and so far as we know, is not intended to have a successor or to undertake further work unless the Conference itself, when assembled, so desires.
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> It is to be distinguished from the World Alliance for International Friendship Through the Churches. The Alliance, as the name indicates, exists simply and solely for promoting friendship throughout the world.

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It was not constituted by the Churches and has no authority to represent them. The membership of the Alliance includes a large number of people associated voluntarily to work in the cause of international friendship.

It is to be distinguished in the third place from the World Conference on Faith and Order, which concerns itself with matters of doctrine and ecclesiastical orders as related to organic union of the Churches. This Conference is not to deal with these questions nor to discuss questions of theology and church organization regarding which there are differences of opinion in the different branches of the Church.

In the fourth place it differs from all self-constituted and voluntary movements of Christian people, such as missionary, educational and social service movements. A good illustration would be to say that it will be to the whole life and work of the Church substantially what the World Conference at Edinburgh was for Foreign Missions, with the important difference that the present Conference will be composed of officially appointed representatives of Churches instead of delegates appointed by missionary boards. Its purpose will be to consider the practical work of the Church at home and abroad, but without authority to raise or administer money or to deal with questions of "Faith and Order," or to take any action whatever that would be binding upon Churches without their explicit and prior consent. The delegates to the Conference will all be appointed by their respective Churches. (Announcement, p. 1f.)

2—The Letter.

Realizing that all of us have deep concern for such matters as are involved in this proposed Conference, it seemed good to me to write my views, which express, I believe, the position of the United Lutheran Church in America.

In the *first* place, then, the United Lutheran Church is by no means unmindful of its responsibilities toward Christians in denominational groups outside of the Lutheran Church. We have earnestly and prayerfully studied how we ought and may fulfil those responsibilities. This effort on our part found its first important development in the adoption at our Washington Convention two years ago of a Declaration of Principles Concerning the Church and Its External Relationships. On the basis of that Declaration we have been aiming to work out in a practical way our attitude. We have, for instance, now assumed a certain kind of relationship to the Federal Council of the Churches without feeling able at present to take full membership in that Council. Our reasons for this step are given in a lengthy action of the Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church, a copy of which action is also enclosed herewith. I am sending this because it reveals some of the important difficulties which Lutherans in this country experience in their relationship with Christians in other denominations. I ought to add that the proposition of the United Lutheran Church has been accepted by the Federal Council and that we are therefore always listed by the Federal Council as holding a consultative relationship with them.

In the *second* place, the United Lutheran Church has hitherto refrained from taking active part in relationship to other denominations whenever movements have been planned which extend beyond America, which are international in their character. Thus, for instance, we have taken no positive steps in such matters as the Faith and Order Movement and the Conference on Life and Work. One of the important reasons for our hesitancy concerning these international movements is that we have steadily hoped for the possibility that the Lutherans of the world might come to some

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common understanding as to the attitude which we ought to assume toward these movements. The United Lutherans Church has been urging the holding of an International Lutheran Convention. Our desire is that at such a convention we shall be able to reach a more or less clear understanding upon the basis of which we can unitedly proceed and thus unitedly have the strongest influence. We have noted of course, that the Church of Sweden and other Lutheran groups in Europe have been represented in such international plans. We have noted especially Archbishop Söderblom's towering influence. Our hearts, however, are very desirous that there might come to be a combined pressure of the Lutheranism of the world influencing and shaping these movements. In common with you we recognize that there is a great necessity for which Lutheranism lives in the world. We recognize that there is great necessity, especially at the present time, to testify for the truth we know before other Christians. We recognize that there is a great necessity that we as Lutherans shall determine together, and in the presence of our Lord, what our right position is. These are some of the reasons which make us long for an International Lutheran Convention. We believe that at such a Pan-Lutheran Convention we of America shall have much to learn from the Lutherans of Europe. We believe also that there are some things which we can show to our brethren in Europe, especially as concerns American Protestantism.

In the *third* place, I believe I ought to say to you that as American Lutherans we have been studying very earnestly these various international Christian movements, especially those which have had their origin in America. You well know how many of these movements originated here and how many of them have been strongly pressed here. Permit me, as briefly as possible, to enumerate some of our fears concerning them without any mention of our favorable thoughts regarding them.

(a) The *great number* of those movements and conferences constantly arising has the inevitable result of distracting the Church, consuming its energy and using up its time and its man-power.

(b) Many of these activities would seem to lead to little more than a significant display on the part of the Church before the world.

(c) In many movements we note a growing and dangerous disregard of the representative principle. We mean thereby that the membership in these movements, especially from America, is very frequently not at all representative of the Church Bodies themselves. In addition to regular representatives very often many additional members are named by the movements or organizations themselves, under the terms Co-opted, Corresponding, At Large, Advisory, Affiliated. The neglect of the representative principle constitutes in reality a despising of the Church.

(d) Naturally, as Lutherans we are always responsive to any proposition which bears the name and the character of a conference. However, if suggestions for conferences become too frequent even they absorb the time of the Church. Furthermore conferences to be of value ought to be lengthy. A few days of conference and discussion can accomplish little.

(e) Sometimes we are inclined to think that the tendency of present movements is altogether too much along the idea of the approach of the Churches to one another from the top down. There is too little consciousness of the need for Christian union from the bottom up. In other words, the real unity of Christians within congregations, within local territories and within individual denominations themselves receives scant attention.

(f) One other difficulty which confronts us is that which is fully stated in the decision of the United Lutheran Church's Executive Board concerning the Federal Council. In other words, to state it briefly, faith and its

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confession are neglected or minimized. As Lutherans we well know their importance in the life of the Church and in all plans for relationships. Such neglect is quite characteristic of American Protestantism. As concerns the Conference on Life and Work, we note that it is proposed to avoid such discussion, although, indeed, there is frequent mention in American publications concerning the Conference, of the desire to know the "mind of Christ" upon the various problems. All will recognize that any consideration of the mind of Christ must involve a consideration of those things which go to make up our Christian faith and its confession.

Let me repeat once more that in enumerating above our fears I have made no mention whatsoever of reasons which urge us favorably towards these various movements. Ere I conclude, however, let me say that we are greatly influenced by what I have stated above in my second division concerning the desire for a common understanding on the part of Lutherans throughout the world.

VIII. FINANCE

1—*Audits.*

According to authority given by the United Lutheran Church the Executive Board appointed the firm of Lybrand, Ross Bros. & Montgomery, Certified Public Accountants, to audit the accounts of all Boards for the biennium.

Several of the Boards have complained of the cost of the audit of their accounts by this firm. It is deemed proper to remark that the audit for 1921 was in many cases, the first made by the accountants appointed, and necessitated not only the verification of all figures but the installation of a new system of accounting so that the cost, even after a special reduction in price made for us, was much more than normal. The total cost of the work for all of the Boards amounted to about one-quarter of one per cent. of the amount of money handled and we believe the good to the Church at large in systematizing accounts, unifying methods and increasing confidence in our financial operations is of incalculable value.

2—*Sale of Liberty Bonds.*

The heavy expenses in connection with the Convention at Washington made the deficit in the current fund of the Executive Board so large that the Board approved of the sale by the Treasurer of $5,000 in United States Liberty Bonds received from the General Council in order to reduce the deficit.

3—*Apportionment.*

Following instructions received at the Washington Convention the budget which was adopted was distributed among the various Synods on the two-fold basis of Confirmed Membership and Current Local Expenses. The table of apportionments was printed in the Minutes of the Second Convention, page 572.

4—*The Sotter Fund.*

By the will of Emma K. Sotter the Executive Board came into possession of $10,000 less 5 per cent. The Legal Committee was requested to

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pass upon the question as to the proper use to be made of the funds under the terms of the will. The committee submitted the following report:

Your Legal Committee to which was submitted a request for an opinion as to the bequest of Emma Kirmse Sotter begs leave to report as follows:

As to the Sotter bequest we are of opinion that under the item in the Will in question the funds should go to the United Lutheran Church in America the principal to be invested and kept intact, and the income to be used as it seems best for the use of Church extension and home missions.

There is no limitation as to the method or manner in which this legacy is to be used and we are, therefore, of opinion that it is not obligatory upon the United Lutheran Church to expend the income through either the Board of Church Extension or the Board of Home Missions.

There may be some question as to whether the word "desire" is directory or merely precatory, but we are of opinion that the safe method is to apply one-half of the income to Church extension work and the remaining one-half to home mission work.

This report was adopted and the application of the income from the Sotter Fund was referred by the Executive Board to the Treasurer with power.

5—*Transmission of Funds.*

The following resolution was adopted by the Executive Board and forwarded by the Secretary to the Presidents of Constituent Synods and to the Secretaries of all Boards:

That all benevolence funds, regular apportionment and special funds, raised by congregations should be transmitted monthly to their destination through congregational treasuries, synodical treasuries and the treasury of the United Lutheran Church.

6—*Financial System.*

The Executive Board has confidence in the present financial system and believes that a better one could not be devised to meet the requirements of the Church in carrying on the works of missions, education and mercy. The system affords the opportunity to every Board to present its cause to congregations, conferences and synods with appeals for special consideration and also to make personal solicitation of contributions.

The Finance Committee of the Executive Board met with representatives of the Boards of the Church in order to ascertain their needs for the years 1924 and 1925. At this conference the question of annuity rates was discussed. The committee also considered again item by item the financial plan adopted at Washington and presented the following recommendations, which were approved by the Executive Board and are hereby submitted:

(1) That the coming convention be asked to again endorse the financial plan amended as follows:

THE FINANCIAL PLAN

(a) All funds contributed for Boards and committees of the United Lutheran Church should be sent to the Treasurers of the Synods and by

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them to the Treasurer of the United Lutheran Church. This includes special contributions in response to general appeals as well as to the agencies of the Church.

(b) Unless otherwise marked, all funds sent by the Synod shall apply on the apportionment for the current fiscal year.

(c) The apportionment of the United Lutheran Church shall be considered the minimum amount which each Synod should provide toward the regular obligations of the Church.

(d) Special contributions and bequests to the benevolent and educational work of the Church shall be encouraged and all Boards urged to present their cause to Synods, congregations and individuals; but as it is the duty of all to recognize first the apportionment obligations, no such special contributions shall be credited on the apportionment.

(e) In order that all obligations of the Church may be promptly met, all Synods should remit monthly to the Treasurer of the United Lutheran Church not less than one-twelfth of the apportionment and all congregations should make similar monthly payments to their Synodical Treasurers.

(f) All congregations are urged to adopt the Weekly Duplex Envelope System as being eminently Scriptural and the most practical and best financial method known, and all officers of Synods and pastors are expected to make every effort for the adoption of this method.

(g) The Synods are urged to provide for an annual every member canvass in all congregations of the United Lutheran Church during Thanksgiving Week, or as near that time as possible, in order that proper financial support may be provided for the work of the congregation, the Synod and the United Lutheran Church.

(h) The total amount to be raised for all Boards and Committees as authorized by the United Lutheran Church shall be apportioned to all Synods at a rate based on confirmed membership and regular local expenses.

(i) Expenses of meetings of committees not otherwise provided for and such other expenses as may be authorized by the officers of the United Lutheran Church shall be paid by the Treasurer upon the approval provided by the By-Laws.

(j) The fiscal year of all Boards shall close on July 31 and the apportionment year shall end December 31 of each year. It is recommended that Synods, as far as possible, arrange their apportionment year to begin on January 1 of each year.

(k) The budget adopted at each biennial convention of The United Lutheran Church shall be for the two years beginning with the second "January 1" succeeding the Convention.

(l) The Executive Board shall appoint annually a firm of certified public accountants who shall audit the accounts of all Boards.

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(m) The rates of income on annuity bonds issued by the Boards shall be uniform, as approved by the United Lutheran Church.

(2) We call attention to the request of the National Lutheran Council that its support from January 1, 1923, be provided by the general bodies represented in it, and, believing that the Church desires the continuance of this agency and is much benefited by it, we recommend that it be given a place on the Budget. We also believe that such support should be continued to the Federal Council of Churches as may be determined by the Executive Board, but that this item should be covered as provided in item (i) of the Financial Plan. Believing that a most important work confronts the Parish and Church School Board, provision for which must be made, that Board is given a place on the new Budget effective in 1924.

(3) We reaffirm our belief that the eleemosynary institutions now on our Budget should be gradually transferred to Synodical support and are glad to report that good progress is being made in this direction.

(4) Your Committee recommends the presentation of the following budgets to the coming convention with the endorsement of your Board:

A—For the month of December, 1922, at the same rate as the present biennium;

B—For the apportionment year 1923:

Board of	Amount	Percentage
Foreign Missions	$525,000	31.21
Home Missions and Church Extension	475,000	28.24
Northwestern Missions	50,000	2.97
Immigrants' Missions	40,000	2.38
West Indies Missions	60,000	3.57
Jewish Missions	11,000	.65
Education	150,000	8.92
Inner Missions	14,000	.83
Ministerial Relief	200,000	11.89
Deaconess Work	35,000	2.08
National Home for the Aged	20,000	1.19
Tabitha Home	20,000	1.19
Lowman Home	5,000	.30
National Lutheran Council	20,000	1.19
U. L. C. Treasury	57,000	3.39
	$1,682,000	100.00

C—For the apportionment years 1924 and 1925:

Board of	Amount	Percentage
Foreign Missions	$565,000	31.14
Home Missions and Church Extension	475,000	26.18
Northwestern Missions	60,000	3.31
Immigrants' Missions	48,000	2.64
West Indies Mission	70,000	3.86
Jewish Missions	16,000	.88
Education	160,000	8.82
Parish and Church School	10,000	.55
Inner Missions	18,000	.99
Ministerial Relief	220,000	12.12

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Board of	Amount	Percentage
Deaconess Work	$40,000	2.20
National Home for the Aged	20,000	1.10
Tabitha Home	15,000	.83
Lowman Home	5,000	.28
National Lutheran Council	20,000	1.10
American Bible Society	2,500	.14
U. L. C. Treasury	70,000	3.86
	$1,814,500	100.00

(5) We present the following rates for annuity bonds as being reasonable and proper with the recommendation that Boards be given authority to make lower rates when requested to do so by the annuitants:

Single Life Annuity Rates.

Age	Rate Per Cent.
50	5.9
51	5.9
52	6.0
53	6.0
54	6.1
55	6.1
56	6.2
57	6.2
58	6.3
59	6.4
60	6.5
61	6.6
62	6.7
63	6.8
64	6.9
65	7.0
66	7.1
67	7.2
68	7.3
69	7.4
70	7.5
71	7.7
72	7.9
73	8.1
74	8.3
75	8.5
76	8.7
77	9.0
78	9.3
79	9.6
80	10.0

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

1—*Harrisburg Church Case.*

At the meeting of the Executive Board, November 10, 1921, the President reported a decision which had been rendered in the case of the Church of the Holy Communion, Harrisburg, Pa. This Church, from its beginning had been in connection with the Ministerium of Pennsylvania. After

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the merger in 1918 the Pastor, together with a portion of the congregation, formally withdrew from the Ministerium and The United Lutheran Church in America and claimed possession and use of the Church property. That portion of the congregation with its officers remaining loyal to the United Lutheran Church contested this claim in the courts. The decision was favorable to them and to the United Lutheran Church. The President further stated that an appeal had been taken to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania where the case still pends. The decision is on file in the office of the President.

Officers of the Church of the Holy Communion in whose favor the decision had been given requested that the remuneration of the attorneys, to the amount of $1,000, be arranged for by the United Lutheran Church. The request was referred to the Finance Committee with authority.

2—Lay Service in the Church.

The Executive Board felt itself called upon to give serious consideration to the question of how to provide places of service in the Church for qualified men and women who desire to devote themselves to such service. The following report of the officers to whom this question was referred was approved:

This problem has come to the Executive Board's attention in various forms. Articles and editorials have appeared in *The Lutheran*. Secretaries of Boards (especially Rev. Freas of the Inner Mission Board and Miss Markley of the Board of Education) have personally stated their distressing difficulties. Formal appeals were presented by the Executive Board of the Women's Missionary Society and by a representative gathering of students in Pennsylvania. The subject was referred to the officers of the Church for investigation and recommendation.

We have made extensive inquiry and have especially held lengthy conferences with the two secretaries mentioned.

The situation is that there are many educated and trained people, who say that the Church has through its pulpits and otherwise been calling for consecrated lives in service and that they are ready. Wheresoever they may apply in our Church, few places are to be found for them. At least seventy-five individuals have been tabulated, and others could be added. This does not include ministers who are without a charge, which difficulty belongs to the Presidents of Constituent Synods and ought to have their special consideration. There are some laymen on the list, but the greater proportion consists of women. A number are college graduates and a number also have taken courses of Christian training (including our Mother-houses' special course).

We believe that in this report we can helpfully discuss the situation and draw some promising recommendations by presenting some of the suggestions we have heard in the course of our investigation. The suggestions are given under capital letters. Our recommendations are numbered in parentheses.

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A. Many of the women who apply might and should become Deaconesses. No doubt there is some truth in this suggestion. It is helpful to know that one of the applicants on the list did enter one of our Motherhouses. The Church must exalt the Deaconess calling. It is probably the truest picture of consecrated Christian service which we possess. Its loss would be almost a calamity to the Church. No finer appeal could come to a Christian woman. It must always be urged by those who receive appeals upon the prayerful consideration of those who wish to serve.

In the course of our investigation, however, some facts concerning the Deaconess service came to our attention, which we offer with a recommendation. Among our Deaconesses there is a surprising scarcity both of college graduates and of the daughters of ministers. The objections which young women are commonly raising against the Diaconate may all be summed up in the one objection that it imposes too great a limitation upon individual freedom. Four specifications of such limitation may be noted: a, The assignment to fields of labor without choice by the individual Deaconess; b, The implication never to marry; c, The absence of any arrangement for support through salary; d, The use of the garb. We believe heartily that the objections are wholly misconceived. Nevertheless we believe that the Church should openly hear them, and we definitely,

Recommend (1) That the Deaconess Board be requested to prepare a brief, attractive *study course* upon the Diaconate in which these objections will have special attention. Also that that Board regularly use a Deaconess for presentation of the Diaconate before the Church and before congregations.

B. If the Church cannot place these applicants in its so-called direct service, they should enter other callings in life, recognizing that a Christian may fully serve His Lord in and through any worthy work.

The strength of this suggestion must not be ignored. There is great necessity that Christians recognize that every proper occupation of life's activity may be holy and that it should be hallowed by them. "Let every man, wherein he is called, therein abide *with God.*" A man may work with God in any calling. This beauty of holiness for all the world's work should be emphasized to every disappointed applicant. On the other hand, the Church must recognize that these men and women have heard the Church's appeal for the consecration of their lives to service for the Church, that they have fitted themselves by education and training, and that if we cannot use them they are faced with tempting inducements to serve elsewhere. Various denominations would welcome them, organizations like the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. want them, and Social Service opportunities are presented to them. They wish to serve in their own Church and definitely for their Church. We ought to think long before we answer them merely with the suggestion mentioned just above.

C. A third suggestion which has been heard is practically an objection to the use by the Church of various "orders" of workers in addition to

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Pastors, Deaconesses, etc. It is asserted that additional trained and full-time leaders in congregations and in the Church at Large would result in checking "volunteer" service on the part of the members. In answer to this objection it should be sufficient to point to the many kinds of offices in the early Christian Church.

It may be added that those leaders have not been properly trained and do not understand their place who assume the tasks which belong to the people. Even pastors in some instances sin against the interests of their congregations in this respect. All true leaders are inspirers and guides in Christian service to the people, patiently leading them onward upon this way.

D. A fourth suggestion is also in the nature of a criticism, since it stresses that some of the applicants have not received training under Lutheran influence and are not fitted for service in Lutheran congregations and institutions.

The question at once arises as to whether we have made any provisions whereby Lutheran training can be secured. We find after searching the entire field that financial provision for the training of workers is beginning to be made. The Baltimore Motherhouse has scholarships for its one-year course. The Board of Education has the beginnings of a scholarship and loan fund. At least two Synods are ready to assist women in preparation for service just as all Synods assist students for the ministry. Several of our Boards and the Women's Missionary Society provide for the special training of missionaries. The Laymen's Missionary Movement hopes to assist in general the training of men and women. All of this, however, is of a financial character only.

We find in addition that the Mt. Airy Seminary published in its July, 1921, Bulletin a magnificent and complete plan for the establishment of two distinct schools in addition to the Seminary and under the same control. One would be a school for practical workers, the other a school of missions. Its Board has approved the entire plan. At present this is merely on paper, awaiting sufficient funds or the development of other possibilities. The Deaconess Board is also looking forward in its educational plans.

In actual existence for training purposes we find only the following. Chairs of Bible instruction in some of our colleges. Certain courses on religious education in Wittenberg College. Local efforts (New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Chicago, Minneapolis, etc.) of limited character to provide helpful training to congregational workers. The various Summer Assemblies. The special one-year course at the Baltimore Motherhouse, with something similar which we understand the Philadelphia Motherhouse is prepared to offer.

The only training course, therefore, which we possess and which can be counted as at all adequate is the one-year provision of of the Motherhouses. Even its warmest friends regard it merely as an important step towards desirable ends. It has annually fitted a number of our women, and through them, blessed our congregations and mission operations. Why

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shall we criticise the lack of Lutheran training on the part of some of the applicants for service when we have so little to offer? The incongruity of our situation is startlingly revealed by the fact that one woman, anxious for training, is now taking a special course at the Gettysburg Seminary among all the students for the ministry who are there. We strongly

Recommend, (2), That the Philadelphia Seminary and other Seminaries considering similar projects press their plans to reality, seeking diligently for the opportunity of an early beginning thereof.

Recommend, (3), That the Deaconess Motherhouses, while not minimizing the glory of the regular Diaconate, emphasize and widen the purpose of their special courses.

E. The final suggestion recognizes that the Church may properly appeal to the people to consider the stewardship of life and personally to consecrate their lives. It recognizes that at least some of these applicants have made no mistake in believing that they have heard an inner call to service. It suggests that the reason why the Church is not giving definite outer calls to these applicants is that the Church has not in some respects fully conceived its task. The result of our consideration of this suggestion is to justify it. This justification contemplates no berating of the Church for its failures. We simply present for earnest consideration some particular possibilities as concerns congregations, communities, Synods and U. L. C. A. If followed, they will result in definite calls for all worthy applicants.

a. *Congregations.* As a specific matter, we believe that some congregations arrange for the service of secretaries and other workers, without knowledge that Rev. Freas and Miss Markley have lists of the kind mentioned. In general, however, we call attention to the statement in the President's report to the Washington Convention of the U. L. C. A. (Minutes, p. 34), "Do the works of evangelizing, teaching and loving service receive equal attention in the congregations? Might we not properly say that a congregation of ordinarily large membership really needs three directors? In addition to the Pastor, who will naturally be in general charge and who will especially direct evangelistic efforts, should there not be, under him, a teacher (educational director; man or woman) for the educational work and a Parish Deaconess (or other Parish worker) for guidance of the work of serving love. Does not a congregation's or a Pastor's failure to feel the need of these indicate a failure to recognize the congregation's whole task?" The existence of week-day schools for religious instruction will alone necessitate calls for the service of many applicants. Our next recommendation will cover these matters concerning congregations.

b. *Communities.* Where individual congregations are not ready for the full service of special workers, a group of congregations could gain much by the united use of a Secretary, teacher, Parish worker, etc. In general, there is an evident lack of a community sense and of a community responsibility on the part of our congregations in communities. The individuality and

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the recluse life of congregations is reprehensibly strong in many places. Congregations do not work together. We do not know of any town or city where the Inner Mission endeavors of our united congregations is fully satisfactory. Our Inner Mission Board is ready with literature and active assistance for community efforts. All of these would necessitate additional workers. Our next recommendation will likewise cover these matters.

c. *Constituent Synods.* Use might be made of the plans for licensure, year after year, not merely for Seminary students but for others whom a Synod is not prepared to ordain. The plans for Synodical lay-readers prepared by the Inner Mission Board deserve the study of every Synod. There are positions in institutions, community societies, etc., to which invariably ministers are called but for which laymen might profitably be considered; this consideration would likewise assist the shortage of Pastors. In general, Synods might profitably consider their missionary and merciful responsibility to groups uncared for within their states, e. g., migrant workers, special industrial groups, mountain folks, etc. In these instances very often ministers are not needed so much as teachers, colporteurs, etc. Synods must not be content merely with the planting of institutions of mercy. There are those who need the Gospel, old and young, in homes and hovels everywhere on the territory.

To cover all that has been stated concerning congregations, communities, and Synods, we

Recommend (4), That all Synods be urged either at their own meetings or at the next meetings of their conferences, to discuss this report and also pages 32 to 40 of the Minutes of the Washington Convention of the U. L. C. A., passing the study also to the Pastors for consideration in their congregations.

d. *The United Lutheran Church in America.* What has been said hitherto applies in general to the Church as a whole. We need a fuller conception of the task Christ has assigned to us. We need, for instance, to give the word missionary its glorious ring in our hearts. We have cramped our life by continual stress upon "Lutheran material" in missionary operations, and have lost the vim which comes from remembering the power of the Gospel to convert men. Without believing that we can specify all items of desirable activity and without attempting to designate particular agencies of the Church for the definite tasks, we

Recommend (5), That all Boards, Committees and Societies be asked to consider such possibilties as the following, whereby calls to workers in addition to ministers will result.

The employment of lay readers and other laymen.

The use of Seminary students during vacations.

The use of Deaconesses in missionary operations.

The general use of colporteurs.

Missionary operations planned without the necessary consequence that congregations are to be established, but purely because groups (perhaps

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temporarily located) are found which need the teaching of the Gospel and loving service.

Further work among immigrant groups, supplementing the efforts of a Pastor by using laymen and women at strategic places.

The training of workers in all languages at our own institutions.

The use of women as representatives of the Church in educational centers where there are large groups of Lutheran women students.

The use by the Motherhouses of the list of applicants mentioned at the beginning of this report in all cases where a Deaconess has been requested but cannot be furnished.

3—Third Convention.

Having received a most cordial invitation to hold the Third Convention of The United Lutheran Church in America in Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Buffalo, N. Y., the Executive Board accepted the invitation and with the most hearty co-operation of the Pastor and other members of the congregation arranged for this Convention. Provision has been made through the co-operation of the Rev. A. L. Dillenbeck and local committees for exhibits by Synods, Boards and other agencies of the Church.

Arrangements were made also for Conventions of the General Synod, General Council and the United Synod in the South at two o'clock, P. M., on Tuesday, October 17, 1922. They were so advised and instructions were given them as to their powers in the merger and where necessary as to special actions to be taken by them.

Thus in order, and with the fulness which was required by the nature of the matters with which we have had to deal, we have laid before you in this report the record of the Second Biennium.

Respectfully submitted,

FOR THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

(Signed) F. H. KNUBEL, *President.*
M. G. G. SCHERER, *Secretary.*
E. CLARENCE MILLER, *Treasurer.*

Actions on the Executive Board's Report assembled with references.—Secretary.

I. B. Adopted. (Wednesday morning, October 18.)

I. D. Adopted. (Wednesday morning, October 18.)

I. F. 1. Adopted. (Wednesday morning, October 18.)

1. F. 2. Item 1, a and b. (See recommendations 2 and 3 of the Report of the Special Committee on Northwestern Seminary, Wednesday morning, October 25.)

I. F. 2. Item 2, a, b and c. Adopted. (Wednesday afternoon, October 18.)

I. F. 2. Item 2, (d). Adopted. (Wednesday afternoon, October 25.)

I. F. 3. (a). Adopted. (Wednesday morning, October 18.)

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I. F. 3. (b). Adopted. (Wednesday afternoon, October 25.)
II. A. 2. Adopted. (Wednesday morning, October 18.)
II. B. Approved. (Wednesday morning, October 18.)
III. A. 3. Not approved. (Wednesday afternoon, October 18.)
III. B. 2. a. Approved. (Wednesday afternoon, October 18.)
III. B. 2. c. Approved. (Wednesday afternoon, October 25.)
III. B. 6. Approved. (Wednesday afternoon, October 18.)
III. B. 13. Adopted. (Wednesday afternoon, October 18.)
III. C. 2. Adopted. (Tuesday afternoon, October 24.)
IV. 4. Adopted. (Wednesday afternoon, October 18.)
V. 4. For disposition of this item see action on recommendation 5 of Commissioners to the National Lutheran Council (Monday afternoon, October 23), and on the Budgets for 1923 and 1924-25 (Executive Board's Report VIII, 6, (4), B and C).
VII. B. 1 and 2. Approved. (Wednesday afternoon, October 18.)
VII. B. 3. Concerning Federal Council of the Churches:
Section V. A. Recommendations 1 and 2. Adopted. (Wednesday afternoon, October 18.)
Section V. B. Recommendation approved. (Wednesday afternoon, October 18.)
Section V. C. 1. (1) and (2). Concerning Local Councils or Federations. Approved. (Wednesday afternoon, October 18.)
Section V. C. 1. (3). Adopted as amended. (Wednesday afternoon, October 18.)
Section V. C. 2. Adopted. (Thursday morning, October 19.)
VII. B. 4. Concerning World Conference on Faith and Order, and Universal Conference on Life and Work. Approved. (Thursday morning, October 19 and Wednesday afternoon, October 25.)
VIII. 6. (1) Financial Plan, items a-m. Adopted. (Thursday morning, October 19.)
VIII. 6. (2). Adopted. (Thursday morning, October 19.)
VIII. 6. (3). Adopted. (Wednesday afternoon, October 25.)
VIII. 6. (4) A. Adopted. (Wednesday afternoon, October 25.)
VIII. 6. (4) B and C. Adopted as amended. (Wednesday afternoon, October 25.)
VIII. 6. (5). Adopted. (Thursday morning, October 19.)
IX. 1. (See Minutes, Thursday morning, October 19.)
IX. 2. Recommendations adopted. (Thursday morning, October 19.)
IX. 3. (See Minutes, Thursday morning, October 19 and Wednesday afternoon, October 25.)
The Report as a whole adopted Wednesday afternoon, October 25.

The action of the Executive Board concerning voting privileges of Advisory Members of Boards (I, B) was adopted.

The vote of thanks recommended by the Executive Board to

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the Committee which conducted the Chicago Seminary investigation was adopted. (See report I, D.)

The resolutions 1 and 2 concerning the Chicago Theological Seminary at the conclusion of the section (D) referring to the said Seminary were approved.

The Report of the Survey Commission to the Northwest, Pacific Coast and Western Canada was then taken up. The Executive Board's recommendation concerning the order for the consideration of this matter (F. 3 (a)) was adopted. Thereupon item 1 of the actions of the Executive Board (F. 1) was adopted.

Rev. G. K. Rubrecht offered the following resolution as a substitute for a motion to adopt resolutions a and b under F. 2. Item 1.:

In view of the fact that the Executive Board took the following action as recorded on page 18 of the Bulletin of this Convention, namely,

"That inasmuch as we have found that there is a division of opinion within the Synod of the Northwest on the question of the removal of the (Northwestern) Seminary, this Board does not deem it wise to take action now concerning the proposed removal lest it might prejudice the action of the Synod:"

And in view of the fact that since that action was taken, the Synod of the Northwest has in convention resolved to remove Northwestern Seminary from Fargo, N. D., to Minneapolis, Minn., and that said Seminary is now located there;

Therefore be it resolved, That this Convention now approve the establishment of Northwestern Lutheran Theological Seminary at Minneapolis, Minn., on the ground of missionary necessity.

Pending the discussion the Convention adjourned to meet at two o'clock, the Rev. Dr. Stump having the floor.

The Rev. J. C. Kunzman led in prayer.

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Afternoon Session

Wednesday, October 18, 2:00 o'clock.

Devotions were conducted by the Rev. Chas. D. Trexler.

The Acting President was in the Chair.

Reading of the Minutes was deferred.

The Rev. Dr. Bacon, Moderator of the Synod of New York, was introduced and addressed the Convention conveying the greetings of that body to the United Lutheran Church and ex-

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pressing deep appreciation of the faithfulness of the Lutheran Church to the Word of God. Upon request of the President, Dr. Clutz made response on behalf of the Convention.

The resolution offered by the Rev. G. K. Rubrecht at the Morning Session being the order of business, the Rev. J. Stump continued his remarks. On motion the resolution under discussion was referred to a special committee of fifteen appointed by the Chair to take into consideration the whole question concerning the Northwestern Seminary.

Committee:

Rev. F. F. Fry, Chm.	Mr. W. C. Davis
Rev. J. O. Simon	Dr. H. C. Hoffman
Rev. E. A. Tappert	Mr. A. H. Kohn
Rev. A. L. Benze	Mr. W. L. Glatfelter
Rev. J. J. Scherer	Mr. James M. Snyder
Rev. Luther Kuhlman	Mr. E. F. Eilert
Rev. O. T. Nicholas	Mr. Harry T. Domer
Rev. L. C. Manges	

Consideration of the Report of the Survey Commission in Executive Board's Report was resumed. Under F, Item 2 (a) concerning Special Matters was adopted. Item 2 (b) adopted. Item 2 (c) adopted. Item 2 (d), first part, was referred to a Special Committee of Twelve.

Committee:

Rev. John Weidley, Chm.	Rev. A. B. MacIntosh
Rev. C. W. Leitzell	Rev. G. F. Gehr
Rev. G. H. Schnur	Mr. I. M. Mellinger
Rev. H. W. A. Hanson	Mr. A. R. Nissly
Rev. R. Neumann	Mr. H. B. Belmer
Rev. C. E. Gardner	Hon. J. W. King

On motion the recommendations of the Executive Board concerning ad interim elections (III, A, 3) was taken from the table.

A motion to adopt the first recommendation was lost and thereupon the President ruled recommendations 2 and 3 out of order and stated that recommendation 4 was covered by the Constitution and By-Laws.

III, B, 2, a, concerning amendment to the Constitution of the Board of Foreign Missions, was approved.

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The part of the report (III, B, 2, c) concerning a United Christian College in India was postponed until the same matter is reached in the report of the Board of Foreign Missions.

Amendment to Article III, Section 4 of the Constitution of the West Indies Mission Board (III, B, 6) was ratified.

III, B, 13, concerning the Executive Committee of the Laymen's Missionary Movement, adopted.

III, C, 2, concerning the Common Service Book Committee, deferred until after the report of that Committee.

IV, 4, concerning study of the spheres of the several Boards, was adopted.

V, 4, concerning the National Lutheran Council, was deferred until after the report of our Commissioners to the Council.

VII, B concerning Interdenominational Agencies and Organizations; Sections 1 and 2 approved.

VII, B, 3. Next was taken up that part of the Report of the Executive Board concerning relations with the Federal Council of Churches.

The recommendation under Section V concerning co-operation was approved.

Section V, A, recommendations 1 and 2 approved.

Section V, B, recommendation approved.

Section V, C, 1 (1) and (2) concerning Local Councils or Federations, approved.

Section V, C, 1, (3). On motion of Dr. C. M. Jacobs, the words "without becoming members of them," immediately following "Councils or Federations" in next to the last line, were ordered stricken out and the clause was adopted as amended.

The Rev. J. L. Morgan, Chairman of the Committee to nominate members of the Executive Board reported.

The session closed with prayer by the Rev. L. M. Zimmerman.

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Evening Service

Wednesday evening a Choral Vesper Service, arranged by the Committee on Church Music, was held. The theme of the Service was the life of Christ and of His Church as unfolded in the Festivals and Seasons of the Church Year.

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A carefully selected series of Lessons, hymns and choir numbers carried the theme in harmonious progression from the Old Testament prophecies through the life and teaching of our Lord to the culmination of the Divine plan in the Life Everlasting. The hymns, which followed every lesson, enabled the congregation to have an important part in the development of the theme. The tunes, for the most part, were chosen from the less familiar melodies of all periods in the Common Service Book. The choir, in addition to leading the congregation, rendered a number of standard motettes and anthems by Russian, Austrian, English and American composers.

The Service was read by the Rev. Gomer C. Rees, D.D. Mr. Leon Trick conducted the well-balanced chorus of fifty voices, with Mr. Harold E. Kuhn, organist. A noteworthy feature was the heartiness with which the congregation, which crowded the large church to the doors, participated in the deeply devotional and yet highly artistic Service.

SECOND MEETING

Morning Session

Thursday, October 19, 8:45.

The Rev. E. A. Trabert conducted the Devotional Service.

President Burgess called the Convention to order.

The Secretary read the following telegram:

Please tell Convention that in the disappointment and loneliness of my position their words and prayers are balm and strength. God's ways for His own are always peace. Glad to say that consultation of physicians just advises I can probably go Sunday if necessary. Signed: F. H. KNUBEL.

The Minutes of Wednesday morning session were read and approved.

On motion of Dr. H. E. Jacobs it was ordered that academic degrees be given in the roll of the Convention but that they be omitted from the Minutes.

Executive Board's report, Statement Concerning Federal Council of Churches, recommendations (V, C, 2) adopted.

The action concerning World Conference on Faith and Order

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and the Universal Conference on Life and Work as reported by the Executive Board was approved.

Section VIII, 6 (Financial System).

(1) Items of the Financial Plan a-m were adopted.

(2) Adopted.

(3) Adopted. (Wednesday afternoon, October 25.)

(4) A. Adopted. B and C (budget items) deferred until after considering the Reports of the Boards. (For action see Minutes, Wednesday afternoon, October 25.)

(5) Annuities. Adopted.

IX. Miscellaneous.

1. At the request of the Convention, Dr. H. E. Jacobs made a statement of the facts and findings in the Harrisburg Church Case.

2. Recommendations adopted.

On motion IX, 3 was referred to the Committee of Reference and Counsel for proper resolutions. (See Minutes Wednesday afternoon, October 25.)

Supplementary Report of the Executive Board

At a meeting of the Executive Board held in Buffalo, N. Y., October 20, 1922, it was resolved to recommend the following action to the Convention:

a. After consultation with representatives of the Board of Foreign Missions it was agreed that said Board will offer a revised recommendation for the action of the Convention as follows:

> Resolved, That while we recognize our right to make special appeals to congregations and individuals for the work of our board, yet we ask for the special endorsement of this Convention of an appeal which we propose making for $300,000.00 to remove the deficit of our current fund and extend our work in the Mission Field.

The Executive Board recommends the adoption of such endorsement when presented by the Board of Foreign Missions.

b. The Executive Board requests the Convention to rescind its action placing the American Bible Society on the budget for 1 per cent of the total, and recommends that they be placed on for $2,500 for the years 1924 and 1925.

c. In the case of the request of the Northwestern Mission Board for an increased apportionment, the matter was referred to the Budget Committee.

d. Upon the representation of the executives of the Synods of Canada and Central Canada, that an early merger of these bodies is contemplated,

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and a serious question in said merger is the support of their Missions—the missions of the one being now supported by the Northwestern Mission Board and those of the other by the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of The United Lutheran Church—your Executive Board recommends that the Convention ask these respective Boards to co-operate and assist in the accomplishment of this merger.

c. A copy of an agreement between The United Lutheran Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Czecho-Slovakia, similar in all respects, except a few inconsequential details, to the Agreement consummated with the Lutheran Church in Hungary is presented to this Convention for approval, with the suggestion that its execution be referred to the Executive Board for the completion of details.

f. The Board requested the Rev. J. A. Clutz to draft and present to the Convention such expression as the Church should make in answer to the cry of the nations.

g. Resolved, That the budget of the Executive Board be increased by $7,000 per annum, in addition to the amount reported.

h. We recommend that, with the exception of the changes in the items for the American Bible Society and for the Executive Board, the budgets presented by the Board be maintained.

i. We recommend the adoption of the Constitution presented by the Laymen's Movement; and instruct the Executive Board to work out the details of co-operation provided in said Constitution.

k. The Executive Board asks the Convention for instructions and power to effect the merger of Boards of The United Lutheran Church, if found practicable.

l. In the matter of the resolutions covering the undertaking of mission operations in Eastern Europe and Western Asia, the Executive Board commends them to the favorable action of The United Lutheran Church.

Respectfully submitted,

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD,
W. D. C. Keiter, Secretary pro tem.

Items a, b, c, d and e adopted.

Item f, received as information.

Item g, adopted.

Item h, laid on the table.

Item i, adopted.

Item k, recommitted to the Executive Board.

Item l, adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole.

The Report of the Commission of Adjudication was presented by Dr. H. E. Jacobs, Chairman of the Commission.

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REPORT OF THE COMMISSION OF ADJUDICATION

The Commission of Adjudication respectfully reports that up to the time of the preparation of this report two meetings of the Commission have been held, one at Mt. Airy, Philadelphia, July 12, 1921, and the second in Pittsburgh, Pa., April 19, 1922. A third meeting will be held at Buffalo on the day preceding the convention of the United Lutheran Church. There being no business to call for a meeting in January, 1921, by unanimous consent it was not held. For like reason it was decided to hold the second meeting for the present year on the day preceding the convention at Buffalo of your honored body. At the last meeting in Pittsburgh every member of the Commission elected by the last convention of the United Church was present with the exception of the greatly revered and much lamented Dr. D. H. Bauslin, Vice-President of the Commission, concerning whose departure the following minute, proposed by the Rev. Dr. L. A. Fox, was unanimously adopted:

Resolutions of Appreciation and Condolence on the Death of Professor David H. Bauslin, D.D., LL.D.

Presented by Professor L. A. Fox, D.D., LL.D.

Since our last meeting our colleague, Doctor Bauslin, has gone to our eternal home. Born in Winchester, Va., in 1853, reared in Western Maryland and educated in Wittenberg College, from which he graduated in 1876, he was ordained in 1878. He was pastor successively in Tippecanoe City, Bucyrus, Springfield and Canton, Ohio. He was elected Professor of Ecclesiastical History in Hamma Divinity School in 1896, and then Dean in 1911. In addition to his Seminary duties he wrote extensively for Lutheran periodicals. His most important work yet published is "The Lutheran Movement in the Sixteenth Century." For years he was a prominent leader in the General Synod. As editor of the "Lutheran World" his influence was wide and deep for conservative Lutheranism and contributed largely to the preparation for the United Lutheran Church in America.

At the creation of our Commission of Adjudication he was one of the original members. He was always present at its meetings. Later, by unanimous action of the Commission, he was elected its Vice-President. In his seventieth year, on March 3, 1922, he suddenly fell on that deeper sleep we call death and was gathered unto his fathers. The indomitably busy man rests from his labors and his work for years to come will follow him. Therefore,

Resolved, That we hereby express our profound appreciation of his eminent abilities as a successful teacher, eloquent preacher, learned scholar, safe counselor, devoted friend and consecrated Churchman.

Resolved, That we bear glad testimony to his beautiful Christian life, simple, unselfish, retiring, trustful, looking not upon his own things, but always upon the things of others.

Resolved, That we hereby record how sadly we miss him.

Resolved, That a copy of this memoir be spread upon our records and another copy be sent with our very great sympathy to the bereaved family.

In place of Dr. Bauslin, Dr. A. G. Voigt was elected Vice-President.

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To fill the vacancy in the Commission occasioned by his decease, Dr. R. E. Tulloss, President of Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ohio, was unanimously nominated. This nomination was promptly confirmed by the Executive Board.

In its two meetings above mentioned, the attention of the Commission has been occupied chiefly with the consideration of several questions committed to it for advice by the President of the United Lutheran Church. In the close and continued study of the Constitution which the members of the Commission have felt it their duty to make, both as individuals and in the sessions of the Commission, they have been convinced that it is entirely within the power of the Commission to give an answer to the President or the Executive Board when formally requested to do so, upon Constitutional questions, with the understanding that the advice of the Commission does not relieve those to whom it is given from the responsibility of decision which is theirs according to the Constitution. Such advice is herewith reported for the information of your honored body:

I. The first matter concerned a question of the practical application of principles of our Lutheran Church as to Church organization with reference to the congregational membership of ministers who are not pastors of congregations. The result of the deliberation of the Commission was as follows:

1. Every pastor is not only an officer, but a member of the congregation over which he is placed.
2. Where the pastoral relation is sundered, membership within the congregation last served remains until a formal transfer be made to another congregation.
3. Ministers whose ministerial standing is dependent on their administration of general Church interests, and pastors temporarily, or who, by reason of age or other disablement, are without pastoral charge, being as members of the Synod subject to Synodical authority, may be transferred from one congregation to another by the President of the Synod, upon his testimonial given to the congregation to which the transfer is made, and also of information of such act transmitted by said President to the pastor or congregation from which the transfer has been made.
4. The congregational membership of the President of a Synod shall be determined by his own personal judgment; the understanding being that any congregation within the Synod which has elected him to office as Chief Executive will require no further testimonial for his admission as a member than his personal application to be so enrolled; and that notice served by him of his withdrawal from the congregation he has hitherto served, or from which he is about to withdraw, shall be regarded as the honorable method of terminating said relation with a particular congregation, in order that he may be better able to serve the Synod to which both the President and the congregation belong.

This advice, it may be explained, rests entirely upon the assumption that every minister bears a twofold relation and responsibility. He is charged with a twofold office, one arising from his relation to a particular congregation and the other from his relation to the entire Church, which in his ordination has entrusted him with a special commission and office. He

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stands alongside of every other member of a particular congregation as a Church member, but his call to the ministry, witnessed to by his ordination, has made him also a representative of the entire Church, in addition to the responsibility for the particular field with which he is specially charged.

II. The second question presented for advice refers to the Constitutionality of an amendment to the By-Laws of the United Lutheran Church in America submitted at the last Convention at Washington and approved by a vote that was sufficient for its enactment if other provisions of the Constitution did not forbid.

The amendment in question was recommended to the Washington Convention by its Committee of Reference and Counsel (see Minutes, p. 208) and was passed by more than a two-thirds vote (p. 213), viz. :

That Item 4 of Subsection B, Section V of the By-Laws be amended to read as follows: "No member of any Board shall be eligible for more than two successive terms; and no person shall be a member of more than one Board at one and the same time; provided that, in the event of any person being elected to more than one Board, said person shall have the privilege of choosing which Board he shall serve upon."

The effect of this amendment was to change the provision of the By-Law proposed to be amended from: "No person shall be a member of more than two Boards at one and the same time" to "No person shall be a member of more than one Board at one and the same time."

Had not the Constitution as well as the By-Laws made provision of a similar kind, there could have been no question as to the validity of the action. But the language of the Constitution, Article XIII, Section 3, is precisely the same as that of the original of the By-Law which it was proposed to amend. "No person," says the Constitution, "shall be a member of more than two Boards at one and the same time."

The question submitted by the President was in substance as to whether, when both the Constitution and the By-Laws contain the same provision, an amendment to the By-Laws be sufficient to effect a change. The Constitution was adopted by all the Synods as the basis of their relations with one another. It is a solemn compact, unalterable except through a clearly defined process, insuring deliberateness of action. Besides the approval of a convention of this body, it requires the concurrence of two-thirds of the constituent Synods. With respect to the By-Laws, on the other hand, the express stipulation is made that only such By-Laws are to be adopted as do not conflict with the Constitution (Article XV, Section 1). Unless the conformity of a proposed amendment to a By-Law can be proved to be beyond all question without contradiction to the Constitution, it is out of place. When the Constitution says: "No person shall be a member of more than two Boards at one and the same time," it seems to guarantee to every Convention of this body the right to elect the same person to two Boards, and to every one thus elected the right to serve on two Boards.

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Can an amendment to the By-Laws withdraw such right either from the Convention of this body or from any individual so elected?

For such reasons, the Commission, after much deliberation, came to the unanimous opinion that the amendment was uncontstitutional, and so advised the President. Especial mention must be made in this connection of a long and exhaustive brief on the subject prepared by the Clerk of the Commission, the Hon. E. K. Strong, which has so thoroughly discussed the legal questions connected with the organization of the United Lutheran Church as to make it a document of permanent value.

The above report has been submitted to every member of the Commission and has been unanimously approved.

HENRY E. JACOBS, *President.*

Items 1, 2, 3 and 4 under I were adopted.

The Rev. Dr. Clutz moved to adopt as a whole the deliverance concerning the congregational membership of ministers who are not pastors of congregations with this addition; that this adoption by the Convention shall be understood as carrying with it only explanatory and advisory force and not as being mandatory. The motion was carried.

II. Concerning Amendment to By-Laws. This part of the report was ordered spread upon the Minutes as information.

Permisison was given to the Commission to submit a Supplementary Report concerning an Appeal of the Maryland Synod. Dr. Tulloss who acted as the Secretary of the Commission presented this part of the report.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF THE COMMISSION OF ADJUDICATION; ON THE APPEAL FROM THE MARYLAND SYNOD

The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Maryland, at its annual convention held in Manchester, Md., May 29-31, 1922, directed a committee to present to the Commission of Adjudication of The United Lutheran Church a preamble and certain resolutions, which contain a petition that The Commission of Adjudication give an authoritative interpretation of the Constitution of the United Lutheran Church in America as far as pertains to certain articles and sections named in the petition.

We desire to record our appreciation of the spirit in which the petition of the Maryland Synod was presented, as indicated by various statements in the petition itself and in the letter accompanying it.

Inasmuch as the petition comes to us in the form of an appeal from one of the Synods of the United Lutheran Church, the Commission accepts it for consideration and action under the provisions of Art. XII, Sec. 1, of the Constitution, and in accordance with the construction of the constitutional pro-

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visions for the government of this Commission, stated on page 113, Minutes of the 2nd Convention of the United Lutheran Church.

Inasmuch as the petition is not in the nature of an appeal from a former judgment, but is a request for an interpretation of the Constitution, the Commission of Adjudication regards the question involved as a question of principle and a matter of interpretation, and for this reason deems no formal hearing of any parties necessary.

Further, inasmuch as the petition states an interpretation of certain sections of the Constitution, it seems to the Commission of Adjudication that its duty in the premises is to review that interpretation and to correct it as far as it appears to it to be incorrect.

The first item in the petition* states as deductions from Art. III, Sec. 4, 5, and 6 of the Constitution (1) that "the power resides in the convention of the delegates that form the convention of the United Lutheran Church," and further (2) that "no provision is made in the Constitution for the exercise of any initiative or for the use of any power, which has not been delegated by the convention to certain Boards or Commissions."

Statement No. 1 is not correct without qualification. The convention of delegates is, subject to the provisions of the Constitution, the supreme Administrative Power of the United Lutheran Church. The power of each convention is indeed great, but there is that which is still greater, viz., the United Lutheran Church itself, and the Constitution as a contract between the members of the congregations in Synods uniting in the Body. Everything connected with the work of the Church would be left in uncertainty and doubt if "mutual agreements" in order to be binding, needed to be renewed biennially.

Against such contingency, the stability of the general Body is assured by several safeguards. One is that no convention by itself has the power to amend the Constitution. (Art. XV, Sec. 2.) This cannot be done without a vote of two-thirds of the Synods in approval of the change. Another is the continuity of the Boards, whose members are elected for terms of service exceeding two years. A third is the designation (Art. IX, Sec. 1)of the officers not as officers of any "convention" but as President, Secretary, and Treasurer of "The United Lutheran Church in America," and the assigning to them of duties in the interim.

It therefore follows that certain powers of judgment and action reside in agencies constituted by the Church for carrying on its work in the interim between the biennial sessions of the convention.

Statement No. 2 above, quoted from the petition, contains an implication which is not correct. That implication is that no initiative or power can be exercised by Boards or Commissions without express instruction by a previous convention. The exercise of some initiative and the use of some power have been delegated to the Executive Board, the Commission of Adjudication, and the departmental Boards by the Constitution itself. The limitation upon the exercise of such power and initiative lies in the provision that the Boards and the Commission mentioned must report to the next convention, where their acts are brought under the supreme power of the convention.

The second item has reference to the powers of the Executive Board. From the definition of the duty of this Board, as laid down in Art. XI, Sec. 3 of the Constitution, it is claimed in the petition that certain propositions hold good, which are here stated in the order in which they occur in the petition; to-wit:—

*The petition may be found in full on pages 64-66 of the minutes of the 103d annual convention of the Synod of Maryland.

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1. That "these constitutional provisions have not been held to by the Executive Board in their proper limitations."

2. That "the power to attend to the business of the United Lutheran Church during the interim between its conventions means the carrying out of its resolutions and does not imply that the Executive Board is The United Lutheran Church in the interim for the execution of business."

3. That "no power is implied to initiate business, but only to attend to necessary actions."

4. That "the power to coordinate the work of the different departments and to receive reports as to the work and needs of the several Boards does not imply that the Executive Board is a super-Board, which shall constantly correct and control the other Boards."

5. That "no provision is made for control of the Boards such as is at present exercised when forward movements of the boards are prevented."

6. That "the whole character of the Executive Board is summed up in the words that it shall 'perform such other work as may be delegated to it by the general body.'"

7. That "the intent of Article XI is simply to provide a co-ordinating Board that shall keep in touch with what is going on, but shall not attempt to govern, control and determine the work of other Boards or their internal management."

In regard to these specifications, considered in the order given above, the Commission of Adjudication is of the opinion, as follows:—

1. Whether the Executive Board has held to the provisions of the Constitution "in their proper limitations" is a question which we do not feel we are called upon to decide. This is a question of fact, and not a question of interpretation of the Constitution. In so far as the latter question is involved, the point at issue is covered by other sections of this report.

2. We cannot concur in the interpretation that the clause in Art. XI, Sec. 3, "attend to its business during the interim" is the equivalent, and therefore only the reiteration in another form, of the clause immediately preceding, "carry out its resolutions." Here three items of duty are linked together: first, "to represent the United Lutheran Church;" second, "to carry out its resolutions," third, to "attend to its business." Manifestly it was the expectation, when the Constitution was framed, that business would arise during the interim between conventions, which no convention could foresee and provide for by resolutions, and which could not be deferred until the next convention. It was therefore made the duty of the Executive Board to attend to such business during the interim and at the next convention to submit its action for approval.

We agree with the statement that the Constitution "does not imply that the Executive Board is The United Luheran Church in the interim." However, it must not be overlooked that the Constitution charges the Executive Board with the duty of "representing" the United Lutheran Church, and designates it as one of the agencies by which its work is to carried on after the convention adjourns. (Cf. Art. VIII, Sec. 9).

3. We cannot concur in the view expressed in the petition that no power to initiate business is implied. Some power of initiative is inseparable from the discharge of any duty which the general Body may entrust to a Board or even to a committee. A Board or Committee is created for a certain object. It is clothed with power necessary to realize that object. It must then initiate measures and methods, policies and undertakings, to realize the object. Such initiative may, in certain cases, be dependent upon special resolutions adopted by a convention of the general Body, but it is not necessarily thus dependent in every case. For the Constitution itself may confer upon a Board powers which include initiative. This it has done in the case of the Executive Board.

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Each departmental Board possesses such power of initiative within the limits of its particular sphere, provided always (1) that its actions are subject to the provisions of the Constitution; and (2) that, when its work impinges upon the work of other Boards, or relates itself to the general policy or work of the United Lutheran Church, its actions are subject to the co-ordinating power of the Executive Board.

It should be remembered, of course, that the acts of every Board and committee are subject to review by the convention of the general Body and require, for their full completion, the approval and ratification of such convention.

4. We heartily concur in the statement that the power to "co-ordinate the work of the executive departments" does not imply that the Executive Board is a "super-Board." The various Boards are competent within the spheres assigned to them in the Constitution and By-Laws. They cannot be considered merely as so many committees, acting under the authority of the Executive Board and amenable to it. Nevertheless, the Constitution confers upon the Executive Board a certain power to limit the action of other Boards. The duty to "co-ordinate the work of the executive departments" certainly implies the power to say when the work of different Boards conflicts and overlaps, and to distribute the work among the various Boards so that this shall not be the case; and it is evidently the duty of a Board to accept and act upon the determination of the limits of its power work, when it is made by the Executive Board. Moreover, the power to present a budget, according to the Constitution, lies with the Executive Board and this implies some power over the financial operations of other Boards, a power emphasized in the By-Laws, Section V, C, Item 4, by the provision that "No Board shall have the right to inaugurate a propaganda for the raising of funds, outside of its regular budget, without the consent of the Executive Board."

Further, the requirement of the By-Laws, Sec. V, C, Item 3, that "All Boards, Standing Committees and Commissions after each meeting shall furnish the Executive Board with a copy of their proceedings," and the statement that this is to be done "that said Executive Board may be thoroughly informed and qualified to co-ordinate the work of the entire body," plainly implies the regulative character of the relationship of the Executive Board to the departmental Boards.*

5. Whether forward movements of the Boards have been prevented by control over them on the part of the Executive Board is a question of fact, which we are not called upon to decide. But we cannot concur in the statement that no provision is made for such control of the Boards by the Executive Board, as would be involved in the withholding of sanction of a "forward movement," if in the judgment of the Executive Board such forward movement affected the work of other Boards or the general policy or work of the United Lutheran Church. (See Section 3 of this report.)

6. When it is said of the duty and function of the Executive Board that it is summed up in the words "perform such other work as may be delegated to it by the general Body," an interpretation of the Constitution is given, which the very language of the clause of the Constitution quoted will not bear out. The single word "other" is fatal to it. This word shows that the clause cited is not a summary of the duty of the Executive Board, but the statement of a part of its duty in addition to other parts mentioned

*Further indications of the power conferred upon the Executive Board are to be found in the constitutional provisions regarding the relation of the Executive Board to the Synods; (Cf. Art. VIII. Sec. 3; and Art. XIV, Sec. 3, latter portion and in VII, 1, 2; VIII, 9; IX, 5; XIII, 2, 3; and in the By'laws, I, 3; III, 1; and V. C. 3, 4).

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in the preceding clauses. Here the evident intention of the Constitution is to provide for special duties, over and above the constant and regular duties of the Executive Board, which may from time to time be referred to the Executive Board by specific action of a convention. The interpretation given in the petition would nullify all provisions of the Constitution which delegate to the Executive Board standing and permanent powers and duties.

7. We agree that the Executive Board does not have authority to "govern, control, and determine the work of other Boards" in relation to "their internal management." As indicated above (Sec. 3, of this report) each departmental Board does possess, within the limitations mentioned, power not only of direction but even of initiative, within the limits of its particular sphere. (Cf. Art. XIII, Sec. 4.)

We cannot, however, concur in the final conclusion that the intent of Article XI is simply to provide a "co-ordinating Board that shall keep in touch with what is going on." The duty of the Executive Board to keep in touch with what is going on must be for some purpose. When it is provided in the Constitution that the Boards shall submit reports as to their work and needs to the Executive Board, and when it is further provided in the By-Laws (Sec. V, C, Item 3) that they shall furnish copies of their proceedings to the Executive Board, some object is evidently in view beyond merely enabling the Executive Board to keep in touch with what is going on. That object is indicated in the terms "co-ordinate the work of the entire body" and "prepare a budget," which, as has already been stated, imply such a degree of control as will secure the desired and needed co-ordination.

The conclusion of the resolutions of the Maryland Synod declares that the powers now exercised by the Executive Board have a tendency to create a "central autocratic government," which is "contrary to the whole spirit of the Constitution of the United Lutheran Church, which spirit is democratic."

This statement is an expression of an opinion regarding facts, and upon it we are not called upon to pass. We may point out, however, that if there indeed exists a tendency towards centralization of government in the present operations of the United Lutheran Church, that tendency is seated in the Constitution itself, in the powers which it confers upon the Executive Board. We may also point out that the correction for any possibility of undue centralization is also provided for in the Constitution, in that the Executive Board is not a permanent or self-perpetuating body, but one whose members are elected by the convention, (Art. XI, Sec. 1-2) and in that the Constitution requires the Executive Board to "make full report of its acts" to the general body. (Cf. Art. XI, Sec. 3, end; and Art. VIII, Sec. 9, end).

In this lies the democratic spirit of the Constitution.

SUMMARY

In summary of the whole matter, it is the opinion of the Commission of Adjudication that the authority of the Executive Board is in various respects different from that of the departmental Boards. The difference is the distinction between general administration and departmental administration. The other Boards are charged with the administration of certain departments of work, not further described in the Constitution and By-Laws than as the name and designation of the respective Board indicates. (Cf. list, By-Laws, Sec. V, A.) The Executive Board, on the other hand, is charged with a number of duties, more or less distinctly specified in the Constitution, all of which may be comprehended under the idea of general administration. This

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general administration inevitably includes a certain degree of supervision of the work of the other Boards.

This supervisory authority can not be construed to extend to the internal management of a departmental Board. It exists, however, whenever the work of one Board impinges upon the work of another Board, whenever there is a question as to the limits of the sphere of work of any Board, and whenever the work of any Board relates itself to the general policy or work of the United Lutheran Church as a whole. It is to be exercised, not in an autocratic spirit, but in the spirit of Christian cooperation, looking toward the fullest development of the entire program of the United Lutheran Church, and the most efficient furthering of the cause of Christ upon earth.

Unanimously adopted by the Commission of Adjudication, October 17, 1922.

HOLMES DYSINGER, Secretary. HENRY E. JACOBS, Chairman.

The Rev. A. R. Wentz moved that this decision be adopted as a correct interpretation of the Constitution as it now stands. The Chair ruled that constitutionally the proper motion would be simply to accept this decision and spread it on the Minutes. On motion of Dr. Wentz it was so ordered.

The Report of the Church Paper Committee was read by the Rev. J. A. Singmaster.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CHURCH PAPERS

1. FUNCTIONS.

The Standing Committee on Church Papers begs leave to preface its report with statement of its functions, namely: To have general oversight of the official Church papers of The United Lutheran Church; to see that they are conducted in accordance with the spirit and intent of the Constitution, in the interest of The United Lutheran Church, and for the edification of the people; and to nominate editors at the biennial conventions, or to elect the same *ad interim*.

2. THE MERGING OF THE GERMAN PAPERS.

At the Washington Convention your committee reported the successful merging of the English papers, and reported progress in the process of merging the German papers.

We are happy to report that the latter has been accomplished and that *Der Deutsche Lutheraner* and *Der Lutherische Zionsbote* have been united as the official German organ under the title *Lutherischer Herold*, which will appear during the month of October.

3. THE LUTHERAN.

The Lutheran has appeared regularly during the last biennium in spite of a very serious printers' strike which necessitated the removal of the printing

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from Philadelphia to New York, where, thanks to the Hon. E. F. Eilert, the paper has been published without interruption. We understand that the printing will not be done directly by our own House until after the completion of its new building. For a report of the cost of the production of *The Lutheran* we refer the Convention to the Publication Board. However, we are disturbed by the knowledge that the deficit amounts to about $15,000.00. With the return of normal business conditions it is hoped that future deficits will be less; but they will disappear only with the increase of subscriptions. The present number of subscribers is 38,000, which might with little effort on the part of the pastors be increased to 50,000.

The Lutheran is a high grade denominational paper. Its make-up is above the average, its contents are suited to its constituency, and its editorial management excellent. Its several departments are calculated to edify the Church, and have been approved by questionnaires. Our Church should be proud of *The Lutheran* and every member should be its earnest advocate. It is a well nigh indispensable factor in the creation and the development of a Lutheran Christian sentiment among our English speaking constituents. Its absence from the family is a grave omission, indicating shortsightedness and indifference to religious and churchly training in the home. Its many-sidedness offers something for every member of the household. No Church will rise higher in its life than the intelligent and devoted interest of its homes.

4. Der Deutsche Lutheraner.

The German official weekly has appeared regularly and has served a useful purpose under the editorial care of the Rev. G. Julius Hoeppner, who was elected by the committee in December, 1920. It occupies among our German churches a place similar to that occupied by *The Lutheran* in the English churches.

5. Resolutions.

1. *Resolved,* That this convention hereby expresses its hearty appreciation of our official Church papers, and again commends them to the Church, and urges pastors and Church councils to make earnest and systematic efforts to introduce them into every family in their respective congregations.

2. *Resolved,* That this convention cautions our people against allowing any paper of whatsoever nature to displace their own Church papers. However useful a parish or synodical paper, or a missionary magazine or an undenominational religious paper may be, it should be merely supplemental to the regular Church paper.

J. A. Singmaster, *Chairman.*

The resolutions offered by the Committee were adopted.

Dr. Singmaster, for the Committee, put in nomination as Editors of The Lutheran: Rev. G. W. Sandt and Rev. N. R. Melhorn; of Lutherischer Herold, Rev. E. E. Ortlepp and G. J.

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Hoeppner, Managing Editor. On motion the nominations were made a part of the Report of the Committee and the Report was adopted as a whole.

The Rev. F. W. Bussard reported nominations for the Executive Committee of the Laymen's Missionary Movement.

On motion the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot for the nominees as follows:

Mr. J. L. Clark	Mr. Harvey C. Miller
Mr. P. A. Elsesser	Mr. Wm. C. Stoever
Mr. E. J. Young	Mr. Wm. H. Hager
Mr. E. Clarence Miller	Mr. W. L. Glatfelter
Mr. F. W. Albrecht	Mr. Charles Steele

The nominees were declared elected.

The Committee to nominate members of the Board of Foreign Missions reported and the report was referred back to the Committee for corrections.

The hearing of the Rev. G. B. Young of the Near East Relief and the Rev. C. J. Bengston, Editor of the Lutheran Companion, was made a special order for 2:00 and 2:10 this afternoon.

The Report of the Lutheran Brotherhood was made a special order for 2:20 p. m.

The Convention adjourned with prayer by Rev. F. U. Gift.

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Afternoon Session

Thursday, October 19th, 2:00.

The Rev. C. B. Harman conducted the Devotional Service.

The special order for the afternoon was taken up and the Convention heard the Rev. G. B. Young in the interest of the Near East Relief; also the Rev. C. J. Bengston, Editor of the Lutheran Companion.

The Report of the Committee on Lutheran Brotherhood was presented by the Rev. S. S. Waltz, Executive Secretary of the Brotherhood.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LUTHERAN BROTHERHOOD

The Brotherhood of the United Lutheran Church, through its Executive Secretary, makes the following report of its activities with such recommendations touching future plans as its experience suggests:

This organization, like most similar movements in the Church, has had its day of initial enthusiasm and has now reached the period of permanent constructive growth. Methods, necessarily experimental, are gradually changing to those of tested merit. The outstanding fact that runs through its entire history is that the organization of the manhood of the Church is a necessity for efficient service. The Brotherhood is the outgrowth of this law of necessity which prevails in the business world and runs through every part of the Church life. The women of the Church organized for local and missionary work and the young people for mutual help and co-operation. Both are illustrations of the same law of service, namely, efficiency demands organization. Prompted by the same principle and desiring in the most effective way to do their part in local congregations and in the general work of the United Lutheran Church, its men in large numbers have organized for service into Lutheran Brotherhoods. In this brief summary it is proposed to report only the general lines along which this organization has been engaged and its plans for future activity. Its financial operations are embodied in the Treasurer's Report which is submitted for audit.

The report of the Brotherhood during the biennium now closing, though handicapped by lack of field secretarial force and limited financial resources, has been encouragingly successful along constructive lines. Numerically, the men's organized work of the Church is evidence of its great possibilities for good when it is efficiently at work in the great body of its congregation. As stated in its constitution, "It aims to enlist the man power of the Church for concerted service in the congregation, in the Synod, and in the United Lutheran Church—an army mobilized awaiting the call of the Master."

According to the last parochial tables published in forty Synodical minutes there are in their congregations 1,023 men's organizations with a membership of 46,374. These figures, now materially increased, show the trend toward organized activity and that the men of the Lutheran Church are responding to the challenge of present day demands and opportunities. Many of these organizations are doubtless a blessing, while others are either inefficient or not active along the most important lines. More and more they are taking the form of Brotherhood Bible Classes, which, when properly related, is an ideal plan. Bible study gives men the spirit of service. Brotherhood work helps them practice Bible teaching. It is the mission of the Brotherhood not only to largely increase the number of men's organizations but especially to help make them efficient in local congregations and in the general work of the Church.

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Briefly stated, the objectives aimed at by the Brotherhood may be classified under the term Christian education. It aims to organize the men of a congregation for loyal service by the study of its needs and opportunities and uniting them in doing what needs to be done. An intelligent active Lutheran laity is its ideal. It aims to give men a vision of the task, not only of the local Church, but of the wider field in the Synod and the United Lutheran Church. While loyal first to the home congregation, it ought to stand for the greater things and the larger problems of the United Lutheran Church if it is to accomplish its real work and challenge the interest of Christian men. It was the imperative need of a laity thus informed in the whole work of the Church that led our general office to request every Brotherhood that it make a special study of the handbook issued by the Boards of the Church preparatory to the Every Member Canvass of 1921. "Through Education to Faith and Service," the theme of the Convention of 1922, defines the Brotherhood plan. Knowing the Church and its work leads to love and service for it. The studies of Christian Stewardship lead to liberal and systematic giving. The Catechetical Class, the Sunday School, and other training functions of the Church, ought always be set before the Brotherhood as special fields of opportunity. The circulation of our official Church paper and other Church literature is always in the direct line of its work. So far as possible it ought always direct the attention of Church young people interested in education to our Lutheran institutions. Kindred to this it ought follow the thousands who go to other than our Church schools with its interest and help hold them true to the Lutheran Church and its future work. These and kindred activities are the objectives in the local Church which ought be set before its men's organization.

While the first obligation of a Brotherhood is always first to its own congregation, it ought never end there. It ought have before it the wider vision of world service. For this purpose it is planned always to have before it some general object in the field of Christian education. At the present time, with the hearty approval of the Executive Committee, the Brotherhoods are asked to build a much needed dormitory for Kyusha Gakuin, our Boys' School in Kumamoto, Japan, at a cost of $5,000.00. As soon as this is accomplished a similar object, either in the homeland or in our India mission field, will be undertaken. In this way it is proposed to keep the Brotherhoods of the Church in living touch with the practical educational and missionary activities of the whole Church.

It will be interesting and gratifying to know that what the men of the Lutheran Church in the homeland are doing in Brotherhood work has kindled a desire among native men in our foreign mission field to do a similar work. Out of this desire have come numbers of Brotherhood organizations in India and Japan, reports of which are most promising of great future results. Your Committee has assured them of our desire to foster their work in any way that may be approved by the missionaries in charge.

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With this statement of the work and plans of the Brotherhood your Committee submits the following recommendations and requests, the results of its experience and careful study:

First: The biennial conventions of the Brotherhood, which up to this time have immediately preceded the meeting of the United Lutheran Church, while always occasions of great inspiration and practical help, have been limited in their influence for good by being confined to but one day and a half for ther important program. Conference and thorough discussion of its various subjects, as well as practical plans of work, have been impossible. The only solution of the problem seems to be changing the time of the convention or an arrangement of the United Lutheran Church as to the time of its opening session so as to allow at least an additional day for the Brotherhood convention. The judgment of the Church convention should govern the decision.

Second: So far as the work and plans of the Brotherhood approve themselves to the United Lutheran Church, its official sanction is desired along with such advice as its wisdom may suggest and such commendation as will introduce it to the favorable consideration of the churches.

S. S. WALTZ, Executive Secretary.

Mr. C. W. Howe, Treasurer of the organization, offered the following resolution as a substitute for recommendations 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the Report:

Resolved, That the Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church make provision in its budget for the payment to the Treasurer of the United Lutheran Brotherhood of the sum of $10,000 per annum for the next biennium, the same to be used in paying the overhead expenses of the Brotherhood in order to enable the Brotherhood to use the income derived from the monthly dues solely for Christian education at home and abroad.

The motion on the adoption of the substitute resolution was lost, thus leaving but two items. Item 1 was referred to the Executive Board. Item 2 adopted.

The Report was adopted as a whole.

The Rev. J. L. Morgan, Chairman of the Committee on Nominations, reported nominations for the Commission of Adjudication, Church Paper Committee and the Board of Foreign Missions. The report was adopted.

Dr. Koller, Chairman of the Committee of Reference and Counsel reported that the Rev. Prof. R. Martienson was present as the official visitor of the Icelandic Synod to present greetings to the United Lutheran Church. Prof. Martienson was presented by the Rev. S. M. Paulson of Brooklyn. Prof. Martienson

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spoke of the missionary and educational work of the Icelandic Synod and of the need of the help of some larger body, particularly in the support of their struggling institution in the city of Winnipeg. The President made fitting response.

Upon motion of Dr. Offerman the matter presented to the United Lutheran Church by the official visitor from the Icelandic Synod was referred to the Northwestern Mission Board in conjunction with the Board of Education.

Dr. C. M. Jacobs presented the Report of the Committee on Army and Navy Chaplains which was received and ordered spread upon the Minutes.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ARMY AND NAVY CHAPLAINCIES

During the past two years your committee has functioned through the National Lutheran Commission for Soldiers' and Sailors' Welfare and its Chaplaincy Committee, of which the Rev. Dr. C. F. Steck has been Chairman. With the dissolution of the National Commission other arrangements will become necessary. The field of the committee's activity will be greatly limited by the reductions in personnel recently ordered by Congress.

The committee calls attention to the action of the New York and New England Synod in granting each of its members who are serving as army chaplains an appropriation of $200 per year as a contingent fund and urges that similar action be taken by each of the Synods.

The committee concurs in the recommendation of your representatives in the National Commission concerning the dissolution of this committee and the appointment of a new Standing Committee on Army and Navy Work, which shall take over the functions of the Committee on Chaplaincies.

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLES M. JACOBS, *Chairman.*

Dr. Jacobs presented the Report of the National Lutheran Commission for Soldiers' and Sailors' Welfare.

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL LUTHERAN COMMISSION FOR SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' WELFARE

Your representatives in the National Lutheran Commission would respectfully report as follows.

During the biennium the officers of the Commission have proceeded gradually with the work of terminating the Commission's operations. It

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has been their policy to continue the support of work at the permanent naval stations and army hospitals until provision could be made by other Church organizations to assume permanent charge. The Commission's responsibility for this work ended December 31, 1921, but provision was made for the salary and expenses of the three camp pastors still in its employ until August 31, 1922.

The treasurer's report showed a balance on hand of $102,298.18. The Articles of Association under which the Commission has been operating since 1918, provided a definite method of distribution for this balance upon the conclusion of the Commission's work, and the officers were instructed to defray the remaining expenses of the Commission, to print and distribute a final report of its work, and to divide the remaining balance among the participating synod's according to the terms of the Articles.

The Commission then adopted the following resolutions:

Whereas the emergency for which this National Lutheran Commission for Soldiers' and Sailors' Welfare was called into existence has now, happily, passed and the special work for which it was organized has been completed, be it therefore

Resolved, 1. That the Commission extends heart-felt thanks to the Executive Officers who have served it during the years of its existence and through whose faithful and unwearied and consecrated labors the Commission was enabled to do the work for which it was created.

2. That the Commission record its deep appreciation of the efforts of the many hundreds of men and women throughout our land through whom the ministrations of the Church were brought to the men in the Army and Navy of the United States during and after the war. As chaplains and camp pastors, as members of local and general committees, and as individual servants of God and the Church, their services were given in this behalf without stint and without thought of self.

3. That the Commission recalls with profound gratitude the wholehearted support that was accorded to its work, from beginning to end, by the General Church Bodies, whose servant and creation it was. In the face of a great task, calling for united effort, all minor differences were forgotten and Church Bodies that had never before labored together were of one heart and one mind in the performance of the duty of which they were, for the moment, called. From the time of its organization, the Commission has received the most cordial and effective co-operation of the officers and executive authorities of all these Bodies, and without it the work of the Commission could not have been done. Within the Commission the representatives of all these Bodies have worked in perfect harmony and accord, with no other thought than the welfare of the whole Church, the saving of men's souls and the Glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

4. Finally, that the Commission offers humble thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ for the spirit of loving service which He put into the hearts of the members of our Churches and which found

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expression in the labors of this Commission. Its work was begun in His Name and performed in His power, His blessing rested upon it, and it has now been brought to a close by His grace, without Whom we can do nothing. To Him alone be praise and glory, through our Lord Jesus Christ, forever and ever. Amen.

5. That the National Lutheran Commission for Soldiers' and Sailors' Welfare do now adjourn without day.

The dissolution of the Commission brings to a successful termination the largest co-operative enterprise which the Lutheran Church Bodies in America had ever undertaken. The Commission demonstrated that under pressure of a great emergency it is possible for Lutherans of many Synods to work together in a great common effort with large efficiency and complete harmony. It prepared the way for the formation of the National Lutheran Council and made possible the blessed work which that body has been able to accomplish overseas. Your representatives will always be thankful that they were permitted by you to be your servants in the performance of this work.

In view of the fact that the dissolution of the Commission leaves the Church without any general supervision of local work for soldiers and sailors, and of the further fact that there are military and naval posts and stations where the Lutheran Church should have representatives, your Commissioners recommend,

1. That the United Lutheran Church authorize the appointment of a Standing Committee on Army and Navy Work which shall make a survey of this field, and make such provision as may be possible for the active prosecution of the Church's work among soldiers and sailors, either by calling the attention of local agencies or Synods to the opportunities which it offers, or otherwise.

2. That the present Committee on Army and Navy Chaplaincies be discontinued and its functions transferred to the new committee.

3. That your Commissioners be discharged, upon receipt by the President of formal notification that the Commission has been dissolved and its funds distributed.

The report of the auditors is appended, and also a table showing the ratio in which the balance in the Commission's treasury has been distributed among the participating Synods.

REPORT OF E. F. EILERT, TREASURER, MAY 18, 1922.

RECEIPTS.

From Contributions	$1,330,750.13	
From Interest	41,019.29	
From "Our Lutheran Boys"	425.03	
From Sale of Literature	1,838.41	
From Women's Com. (Donations)	6,465.41	
		$1,380,498.27

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EXPENDITURES.

For Books		$ 28,651.40	
For Brotherhood	$341,530.73		
For Brotherhood S. A. T. C.	8,145.42		
		349,676.15	
For Buildings		22,479.72	
For Chaplains' Emergency	$ 9,233.85		
For Chaplains' & C. P. Loans	6,650.00		
For Chaplains' Equipment	27,432.94		
For Chaplains' Expense	25,388.16		
		68,704.95	
For Camp Pastors' Equipment	$ 30,103.08		
For Camp Pastors' Expense	158,413.01		
For Camp Pastors' Traveling	8,920.06		
For Camp Pastors' Salaries	166,969.22		
		364,405.37	
For Direct Service		14,673.38	
For Executive Salaries	$ 33,236.52		
For Executive Traveling	21,114.01		
For Executive Expense	19,081.27		
		73,431.80	
For Furniture & Fixtures		5,692.27	
For Financial Campaign Com.—			
Expense	$ 36,876.16		
Postage	1,875.54		
Salaries	10,357.28		
		$49,108.98	
For France & European Com.		85,295.26	
For Industrial Work		5,128.62	
For "Our Lutheran Boys"		4,872.26	
For National Lutheran Com., Canada		1,500.00	
For Norwegian Synod		2,500.00	
For Norwegian Church of N. W.		3,500.00	
For National Luth. Free Church		500.00	
For Office Salaries	$ 27,294.03		
For Office Expense	23,082.12		
For Office Postage	7,317.59		
		57,693.74	
For Printing		14,837.37	
For Publicity		1,911.18	
For Reserves		900.00	
For Service Clubs		56,302.89	
For Sundry Contributions		19,006.70	
For Synodical Conference		1,201.04	
For Washington Office		2,720.25	
For Women's Committee		43,506.76	
		$1,278,200.09	
May 18, 1922—Balance on Hand:			
United States Certificates	$ 50,000.00		
United States War Saving Stps.	700.00		
Certificate of Deposit:			
Central Union Trust Co.	50,000.00		
Cash on Hand, Central Union Trust Co.	1,598.18		
		$ 102,298.18	
		$1,380,498.27	$1,380,498.27

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I have audited the books of the National Lutheran Commission and hereby certify that the above is a true statement of the receipts and disbursements to May 18, 1922. All receipts were checked with the banks; all disbursements were properly authorized; the cash balances in the banks were verified by me and confirmed by the banks; the investments totaling $100,700.00 were examined by me and found on hand and in good order.

(Signed) WILLIAM CRAEMER,
Certified Public Accountant.

The statement determining the proportion of the balance on hand due each of the general bodies co-operating is a lengthy document which cannot be here reproduced. The following table will, however, serve to show the amount of money expended which should have been received from each body upon the basis of confirmed membership in 1917, the amount of money actually received and the shortage or excess on the part of the body.

Synod	Share	Cash Credit	Shortage	Excess
U. L. C.	$598,721.70	$497,468.58	$101,253.12	.....
Jt. O.	106,859.22	124,496.42	.....	$17,637.20
Iowa	102,728.35	90,585.57	12,142.78	.....
Buff.	5,527.07	4,071.16	1,455.91	.....
Im.	2,438.47	42.68	2,395.79	.....
Jeh. Conf	680.41	22.83	657.58	.....
Aug.	155,130.77	160,425.30	.....	5,294.53
N. of A.	237,263.18	435,089.95	.....	197,826.77
L. Free	15,997.41	21,615.91	.....	5,618.50
Eiel.	1,008.79	593.88	414.91	.....
L. Breth.	730.49	515.54	214.95	.....
D.	11,824.63	10,130.54	1,694.09	.....
U. D.	11,870.51	24,617.24	.....	12,746.73
Ice.	1,498.56	823.09	675.47	.....
Suo.	13,519.58	1,680.86	11,838.72	.....
F. N.	6,495.75	91.00	6,404.75	.....
F. A.	5,463.83	48.54	5,415.29	.....
	$1,277,758.72	$1,372,319.09	$144,563.36	$239,123.73

The shortage noted in the above table must of necessity be paid by those Synods which provide an excess. The final ratio for the division of the unexpended balance is:

Synods	Percentage
Norwegian of America	.95231991
United Danish	.04768009
	1.00000000

Upon this basis the following statement will show the disposition of funds:

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Total Amount of Expenditures		$1,277,758.72
Amount for Norwegian Lutheran Church of America	$87,345.13	
Amount for United Danish Lutheran Church of America	7,215.24	
Total Divided		94,560.37
Undivided Balance		8,179.18
Total		$1,380,498.27

Signed, for your Commissioners,

CHARLES M. JACOBS.

The undivided balance will, upon the termination of certain transactions to be concluded, be divided in the same proportion as noted above.

Items 1, 2 and 3 were adopted. After some discussion concerning the distribution of funds, the report was adopted as a whole.

Dr. Haas moved that the Committee to be appointed be immediately charged with taking care of the work in Brooklyn, the work at Great Lakes Station and at San Francisco, and that we apportion $750 a month for six months to provide for the work until that Committee can function or perhaps obtain other funds. Motion was adopted.

Dr. Haas offered the following concerning the National Lutheran Commission for Soldiers' and Sailors' Welfare:

Resolved, That as this Commission is being dissolved we recognize with gratitude the self-sacrificing labors of our representatives on the National Lutheran Commission.

The resolution was adopted. (Friday morning, October 20th).

The Rev. W. L. Stough, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, reported nominations for the Board of Foreign Missions. The Report was adopted.

Mr. B. F. Apple of Tellers' Committee No. 1 reported on elections for the Executive Board. The following members were declared elected:

Rev. Ellis B. Burgess
Rev. V. G. A. Tressler
Hon. C. M. Efird
Mr. Wm. H. Hager
Mr. Frederick Henrich

The session closed with prayer by the Rev. Luther Kuhlman.

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Evening Service

At eight o'clock Thursday evening there was held, in Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, a Service planned to emphasize the spiritual element in the life of the Church. The Rev. C. F. W. Hoppe presided.

The theme was "The Spiritual Life of the Church" which was to have been presented in three addresses: the first on "Its Importance," the second "Its Development," and the third "Its Manifestation." The Rev. J. S. Simon treated the first topic and the Rev. J. C. Mattes the second. At the conclusion of the second address the Rev. R. B. Peery, who was to have treated the third topic, declined to do so in view of the lateness of the hour.

THIRD MEETING

Morning Session

Friday, October 20th, 8:45.

Devotions were conducted by the Rev. H. Manken.

The Convention was called to order by President Burgess.

The Minutes of the Afternoon Session of Wednesday were read and approved.

The Rev. W. L. Stough, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, reported nominations for the following Boards:

Board of Home Mission and Church Extension
Board of Northwestern Missions
Immigrants Mission Board
West Indies Mission Board
Committee on Jewish Missions

The Report for each of the Boards was adopted.

The Rev. J. A. W. Haas offered the following which was adopted:

Resolved, That we ask the Executive Board to investigate the whole procedure of nominations and elections and report at the next Convention.

The Secretary called attention to the fact that there was yet one member of the Executive Board to be elected. On motion it was ordered that the election for the additional member be held tomorrow.

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The Report of the Board of Foreign Missions was taken up and the Convention heard the Rev. E. K. Bell, President of the Board and the Secretaries, the Revs. George Drach and Luther B. Wolf. Dr. Wolf read the following cablegram:

Dr. Knubel, U. L. C., Buffalo:—India Council meeting in Rajahmundry sends greetings to the Convention. There are promises of large success before us. Signed Larson.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

Fathers and Brethren:—Your Board of Foreign Missions presents herewith its Second Biennial Report. Since the beginning of the Foreign Mission enterprise in our American Lutheran Church great and encouraging progress has been made, and in no Biennium more than in this one.

The Board herewith submits to the Convention a report of its chief acts on the fields and at the home base. It realizes the great interest which the congregations and the Synods have in it and most gladly gives them a full account of the sacred trust.

Organization of the Board.

After the convention at Washington, D. C., the Board met in regular session on Dec. 2nd, 1920 and organized for the Biennium. The following persons constituted the Board:

I. Terms to expire in 1922: Rev. John A. Weyl, Rev. August Steimle, D.D., Rev. Jacob A. Simon, D.D., Rev. Lewis C. Manges, D.D., Henry P. Boyer, M.D., Mr. M. P. Moller, Mr. H. L. Bonham.

II. Terms to expire in 1924: Rev. Ezra K. Bell, D.D., Rev. John A. Singmaster, D.D., Rev. M. J. Epting, D.D., Rev. C. Theodore Benze, D.D., Rev. R. C. G. Bielinski, Mr. James M. Snyder, Joseph H. Miller, M.D.

III. Terms to expire in 1926: Rev. M. M. Kinard, D.D., Rev. John E. Byers, D.D., Rev. George A. Greiss, D.D., Rev. Wm. E. Frey, Mr. Martin H. Buehler, Mr. Wm. H. Menges, August J. Herrlich.

Of these there were present at the first meeting: Rev. Ezra K. Bell, D.D.; Rev. John A. Singmaster, D.D.; Rev. R. C. G. Bielinski; Rev. C. Theodore Benze, D.D.; Rev. John A. Weyl; Rev. August Steimle, D.D.; Rev. Jacob S. Simon, D.D., Rev. Michael M. Kinard, D.D.; Rev. John Edward Byers, D.D.; Rev. William E. Frey; Mr. James M. Snyder; Mr. William H. Menges, Mr. Hezekiah L. Bonham, Mr. Mathias O. Moller, Mr. Augustus J. Herrlich, Mr. Martin H. Buehler.

The following co-operating and Advisory Members were also present: From the Women's Executive Board, Mrs. Helen C. Beegle and Miss Mary A. Miller; from the Augustana Synod, Rev. Drs. L. G. Abrahamson and G. A. Brandelle. No co-operating members were present from the United Danish Church at this meeting.

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Officers.

The Officers of the Board were then, according to the By-Laws, elected by ballot as follows:

President, Rev. Ezra K. Bell, D.D.
Vice-President, Rev. C. Theodore Benze, D.D.
Recording Secretary, Rev. George Drach, D.D.
Treasurer, Rev. Luther B. Wolf, D.D.

The following members were elected to constitute the Executive Committee of the Board: Rev. M. M. Kinard, D.D.; Rev. J. A. Singmaster, D.D.; Rev. J. E. Byers, D.D.; Mr. James M. Snyder, and the President, Rev. Ezra K. Bell, D.D., and Vice-President, Rev. C. Theodore Benze, D.D. The Secretaries are advisory members.

The Secretaries of the Board were elected for an undefined period, so long as their services are satisfactory to the Board.

After the death of Secretary Dr. C. L. Brown on December 5th, 1921, at Sanoghie, Liberia, Africa, his duties were divided between Secretaries Dr. George Drach and Dr. L. B. Wolf.

In reporting the death of Secretary Brown, the Board again expresses its sincere sorrow and sense of loss. It has published a memorial volume containing a sketch of his life, tributes to his memory, extracts from his last letters and quotations from his writings. This book is being distributed free of charge to his relatives, friends and co-laborers. The Board has also appealed for funds to erect a chapel at Kyushu Gakuin, Kumamoto, Japan, which is to cost $35,000 and is to stand as a memorial of its distinguished founder.

Co-operating Membership.

The constitution of the Board was so amended that Article III on Membership now reads:

"The members of this Board shall be communicants in congregations in full synodical relations with the United Lutheran Church in America, except as provided in Section 3 hereof."

Section 3, formulated as per resolution of the Washington convention and approved by the Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church, reads as follows:

"Other Lutheran bodies may with the approval of the United Lutheran Church co-operate with the Board, and may appoint representatives to meet with it as advisory members; and such representatives may be elected in the regular manner to full membership in the Board; provided, however, that the whole number of such members shall not exceed three and provided also that their election shall in no wise, now or hereafter, entitle their respective bodies to any claim upon the property, real or personal, held by or in the name of the Board."

On December 17th, 1920, Dr. J. H. Miller resigned as a member of the Board and the Board nominated Prof. C. W. Foss to fill the vacancy. This

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nomination was approved by the Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church. The United Danish Church, which co-operates with us, was represented during the Biennium by Revs. V. W. Bondo and K. M. Matthiesen.

Nominations.

The Board presents to the Convention the following nominations for membership:

To serve six years:

Revs. J. A. Weyl, A. Steimle, D.D.; J. S. Simon, D.D. and L. C. Manges, D.D., and Messrs. H. R. Boyer, M.D., and M. P. Moller and H. L. Bonham.

To serve for four years:

Prof. C. W. Foss, Ph.D.

New Headquarters.

The Board has purchased for its use the property at 18 E. Mt. Vernon Place, Baltimore, Md. The location is ideal, opposite Peabody Institute, in Mt. Vernon Square. Besides offices and a meeting room, there are rooms furnished for the accommodation of transient missionaries on furlough and for members attending meetings.

Relations to Other Boards and Societies.

Women's Missionary Society. The chief auxiliary of the Foreign Mission Board is the Women's Missionary Society. Two years of most cordial and satisfactory relationship have passed. This Society is deeply and whole-heartedly committed to our Foreign Mission cause. Its appropriations as follows, not including salaries and specials, have been generous and indispensable:

	1921
India Mission	$71,117.00
Africa Mission	5,350.00
Japan Mission	10,320.00
South America	3,560.00
	$90,347.00

All these offerings go to the foreign fields of the Church to support women's work and workers in accordance with an agreement made between the Board by which certain spheres of operation have been designated as work for women and children. This assignment includes our Women's Hospitals and our schools for girls in all our fields. The entire work in the Missions is under the direction of the respective Conferences, in which all the appointed Missionaries and wives of our missionaries appointed to independent charge of work, sit as full members.

The Women's Missionary Society provides all the funds for the support of the work and workers, in the departments which the Board has allocated to it. Forty-nine women missionaries are supported by the Society;

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and the entire work supported, with all native women workers, constitutes a very large share of the work undertaken and successfully maintained.

During the Biennium the Society was represented by Mrs. Helen C. Beegle and Miss Mary A. Miller, who in March, 1922, was succeeded by Mrs. John W. Richards.

The Foreign Missions Conference of North America.

The Board has continued its relation with the Foreign Mission Conference of North America and has been profited in many ways by the association. Our President was elected Chairman of the Meeting at Atlantic City in January 1922. Secretary Wolf was a member of the Committee of Reference and Counsel, to January 1921, when Secretary Drach succeeded him.

Other missionary bodies, such as the Committee on Co-operation in Latin America and the Missionary Education Movement, have received our support and the Secretaries are members of their Boards of Management.

The International Missionary Council.

The International Missionary Conference held its first meeting at Lake Mohonk in obedience to a call issued by an informal committee appointed at Crans, Switzerland, in June, 1920. At the informal meeting Rev. L. B. Wolf, D.D. was a member. According to the tentative constitution adopted by the National Missionary organizations this Council shall consist of about 70 missionary administrators from the National Missionary bodies, 20 of whom shall represent the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, 14 the Missionary Societies of Great Britain and Ireland, and the remainder from the various countries of the world. Of this Missionary Council Rev. L. B. Wolf is one of the American representatives.

The International Missionary Council holds "that the only bodies entitled to determine missionary policy are the Missionary Societies and Boards, or the Churches which they represent and the Churches on the Mission Field."

The Council holds meetings every two years. A committee of twelve, with the officers and Executive Officials, meets when the needs of the organization require it. The next meeting has been arranged for 1923 at the Hague or elsewhere, the time and place to be agreed upon by the Committee of the Council.

The Lutheran Foreign Missions Conference in America.

This organization among Lutheran Foreign Mission Boards has been continued throughout the Biennium, and the Rev. L. B. Wolf, D.D., and the Rev. Lauritz Larsen, D.D., are Chairman and Secretary respectively.

Distressed Lutheran Missions have been granted much needed relief, through the National Lutheran Council which acts as a clearing house for the Foreign Mission Conference, raised and distributed funds to the Missions

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in various lands and carried out the recommendations of the Conference. More than $300,000 have been sent to the Mission Fields of China, Japan, India and Africa. The needs for the year 1923 have been estimated at not less than $130,000.

Our Board granted leave to our lamented Secretary, the Rev. Chas. L. Brown, D.D., to go as Chairman of a Commission to Equatorial East Africa and examine and report on the situation of Lutheran Missions in that part of Africa.

The result of the investigation led the Augustana Foreign Mission Board, on the earnest request of the Lutheran Foreign Mission Conference, to assume the East Africa Fields left helpless by the war. The German Lutheran Societies could not carry on the Missions because their Missionaries were debarred from their former fields and because their means were utterly inadequate to maintain the work on account of the depreciation of their currency.

The Lutheran Foreign Missions Conference is supporting the effort to secure money and men to continue the work of these Missions till war-time conditions shall pass away and the German Societies can again begin to function in their former Missions, especially in India, Africa and China.

This Lutheran Foreign Mission Conference forms a hopeful bond of union among our various Lutheran bodies and cannot but help to harmonize the larger interests of our American Lutheran Church.

Missionaries.

The new missionaries who have been sent to our various fields, during the Biennium are:

India Mission: The Rev. Luther A. and Mrs. Gotwald, the Rev. L. E. L. Irschick, the Rev. A. Fred Schmitthenner, the Rev. Fred J. and Mrs. Fiedler, the Rev. M. L. and Mrs. Dolbeer, the Rev. James J. and Mrs. Raun, Miss Maida S. Meissner, Miss Viola E. Steigerwalt, Miss M. E. Eyster, Miss E. Pauline Whittaker, Miss Mary R. Fleming, M.D., Rev. Harman F. and Mrs. Miller, Mr. William and Mrs. Bembower, the Rev. Carl B. and Mrs. Caughman, the Rev. Clarence H. Swavely, Miss Isie L. Weygand. Total number of new missionaries twenty-four.

The missionaries who returned to India after furlough are Rev. Isaac and Mrs. Cannaday, the Rev. O. V. and Mrs. Werner, the Rev. K. L. Wolters, Miss Agnes Schade, Miss Agatha Tatge, Miss Hilma Levine, Miss Helen H. Brenneman, the Rev. J. E. and Mrs. Graefe, Rev. Ernst and Mrs. Neudoerffer. Total number returned to India after furlough, thirteen.

The missionaries who resigned from the India Mission are the Rev. George and Mrs. Rupley, Miss Betty Nilsson, M.D., Miss Eleanor B. Wolf, M.D., Miss Rebecca Hoffman and Miss Tillie Nelson. A total of six. Miss Susan E. Monroe, who went to India in 1902, returned to America in 1921, having served nearly twenty years as a self-supporting missionary.

Japan Mission: The new missionaries sent are: The Rev. Louis G. Grey,

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Miss Marion E. Potts, Miss Rebecca M. Hendrickson, the Rev. Arthur and Mrs. Linn, Miss Helen Shirk. A total of six.

The missionaries who after furlough returned to Japan are: The Rev. A. J. and Mrs. Stirewalt, the Rev. C. W. and Mrs. Hepner. A total of four.

The missionaries who resigned their appointments in the Japan Mission are: The Rev. J. M. T. and Mrs. Winther, the Rev. Frisby D. and Mrs. Smith and Rev. M. M. and Mrs. Kipps. A total of six.

Africa Missions The new missionaries sent out are: The Rev. Roy L. and Mrs. Yund, the Rev. Paul M. Counts, Mr. E. D. and Mrs. Ireland, Mr. and Mrs. Homer C. Leonard and Miss Mary E. Bauer. A total of eight.

The missionaries who returned to Africa after furlough were Rev. J. D. and Mrs. Curran and Rev. G. C. and Mrs. Leonard. A total of four.

To the South American Mission, Buenos Aires, the Rev. Paul O. Machetzki was called, commissioned and sent out. Mrs. Anna Mueller, an honorary missionary, returned home from this field but expects to return when personal matters are settled. The Rev. Meade A. and Mrs. Rugh returned from the British Guiana Field and resigned, and the Rev. Ralph J. and Mrs. White returned to this field.

The total number of new missionaries sent out in the Biennium.....	38
The total number returned after furlough to various fields.....	21
The number resigned.....	12
Total increase in staff since the merger.....	47

Missionaries on Furlough.

The Board grants furloughs to all missionaries at regular intervals, as determined by the Rules of the Missions. Furloughs last from six to eighteen months, following periods of from two to seven years of service in the field. During their furloughs missionaries recuperate, spend some time in study, profit in many ways by re-association with the people of their home-land and help the Churches to keep in touch with the mission fields. Each missionary has assigned to him some definite financial objective. Large and pressing needs are presented to the Churches and opportunity is given for special offerings in addition to the regular apportionment for such projects as the Theological Seminaries in India and Japan, new station plants in India, Japan, Africa and South America. the Brown Memorial Chapel, The Rajahmundry Diamond Jubilee Church. Parish Hall and Reading Room, and various other mission buildings and projects, for which our missionaries on furlough are authorized and encouraged to make appeals to Churches, individuals, Sunday Schools and Missionary Societies. The Board is very desirous that every congregation in the United Lutheran Church at some time shall have a missionary present the needs of his or her field, the progress of our mission work and of world evangelization.

Death of Missionaries.

Death has entered the ranks of our Africa and Indian Missions and removed from their beloved work in the Africa Field the Rev. C. E.

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Buschman—and from our India Field, the Rev. Edwin A. Olson. Both missionaries fell at their post from causes connected with the lands in which they labored. Faithful until death in the service of their Missions, a sure reward and crown of life await them.

The total number of missionaries in the service of the United Lutheran Church, including the wives of missionaries and these newly appointed, now on their way to the fields, is one hundred and sixty-seven. They are serving and representing their Church in our foreign fields, where the demands on their strength and endurance are great. They confidently look to the Church for support in all their plans. No cause can claim more consecration and more hearty and generous support. The united prayers of the Church should ever rise for these workers and their work, so that out of the great non-Christian world there may be added daily such as shall be saved, and the redeemed of the Lord may come to Zion with joy and everlasting rejoicing, and our Lord Christ see of the travail of His Soul and be satisfied, in the labors of those who in His name and strength present Him to a world lost in sin.

Patrons and Proteges.

The number of patrons supporting proteges in our foreign fields has increased rapidly during the past two years. Seven hundred and fifteen congregations, Sunday Schools, societies and individuals are supporting proteges by annual contributions ranging from $30 to $500. Thus a class in Sunday School supporting a boy's scholarship at $35.00 a year, contributes a sum sufficient to keep a boy in school, a society supporting a native worker contributes a sum sufficient to employ a native worker. Names of pupils in school and of lower grade workers cannot be furnished. In every case a certificate of support is sent to the patron. When the annual contribution is less than $75.00 the assignment is made by number. Proteges supported by contributions of $75.00 or more a year are assigned by name as well as by number. The following is the schedule of sums required for the support of proteges in India:

Proteges in India.

Annual Payments Required for Their Support.

$ 30 to $ 35—Boy's Scholarship in a Boarding School.
$ 40 —Boy's Scholarship in a Mission Orphanage.
$ 75 to $135—A Special Student.
$ 35 to $ 45—School Teachers.
$ 50 to $ 55—Catechists, who are responsible for religious work among Christians and others in one to four villages.
$ 55 to $ 75—Evangelists, who devote the major portion of their time to work among non-Christians.
$ 75 to $ 85—School Supervisors, qualified men who supervise educational work in a number of schools.
$ 85 to $ 90—Supervising Catechists.
$100 to $150—Indian Pastors.

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Proteges in Japan are supported by annual contribution as follows: Kyushu Gakuin Scholarship $100. High School Scholarship $200.00. Theological Seminary Scholarship $125.00, Evangelists or Japanese Pastors from $500 to $800.

Proteges in Liberia, Africa: Boy's Scholarship $45.00, Native Worker $100 to $250.

Foreign Mission Pastors. Undoubtedly the most encouraging feature of our Patron and Protege Department is the long list of Foreign Mission Pastors supported under the plan of the Board, which may be stated as follows: To any congregation which contributes at least $1,000 a year in excess of the apportionment for this special purpose, a foreign mission pastor may be assigned. A number of individuals support their personal representatives in the foreign field. Five congregations are supporting two or more foreign mission pastors. The list is as follows:

Missionaries Supported in India.

	Missionaries	*Supported by*	*Pastor*
1.	Rev. John Aberly, D.D.	Trinity, Rockford, Ill.	Rev. H. M. Bannen, D.D.
2.	Rev. W. F. Adolphsen	Greensburg Conference	S. S. Association
3.	Rev. S. C. Burger	First Church, Baltimore	Rev. Ezra K. Bell, D.D.
4.	Rev. I. Cannaday	St. Mark's, Baltimore	Rev. Robert D. Clare, D.D.
5.	Rev. F. L. Coleman	First English, Pittsburg	Rev. C. P. McLaughlin, D.D.
6.	Rev. H. E. Dickey	St. John's, Sterling, Ill.	Rev. E. C. Harris
7.	Rev. M. L. Dolbeer	Tabernacle, Philadelphia	Rev. Wm. J. Miller, Jr.
8.	Rev. R. M. Dunkelberger	Zion's, Harrisburg, Pa.	Rev. S. W. Herman, D.D.
9.	Rev. F. J. Fiedler	Emmanuel, Pottstown, Pa.	Rev. I. B. Kurtz, D.D.
10.	Rev. J. C. Finefrock	First Mansfield, O.	Rev. H. C. Roehner, D.D.
11.	Rev. J. R. Fink	Zion's, York, Pa.	Rev. G. A. Getty, D.D.
12.	Rev. Harry Goedeke	Second Church, Altoona, Pa.	Rev. G. N. Lauffer
13.	Rev. L. A. Gotwald	Trinity, Fort Wayne, Ind.	Rev. Paul H. Krauss
14.	Rev. J. E. Graefe	Mr. John E. Miller, Messiah,	Philadelphia
15.	Rev. G. R. Haaf	Memorial, Harrisburg, Pa.	Rev. L. C. Manges, D.D.
16.	Rev. L. E. L. Irschick	St. Peter's, Kitchener, Ont.	Rev. H. A. Sperling, Ph.D.
17.	Mr. R. S. Kauffman	Greencastle, Pa.	Rev. H. B. Burkholder
18.	Rev. Victor McCauley	First, Dayton, O.	Rev. M. H. Krumbine
19.	Rev. H. F. Miller	Trinity, Hagerstown, Md.	Rev. J. S. Simon, D.D.
20.	Rev. Ernst Neudoerffer	Trinity, Norristown, Pa.	Rev. P. Z. Strodach, D.D.
21.	Rev. A. F. A. Neudoerffer	Redeemer, Brooklyn	Rev. S. G. Weiskotten, D.D.
22.	D. A. Pfitsch	Mrs. A. M. Thompson,	Pittsburgh, Pa.
23.	Rev. G. A. Rupley	Trinity, Canton, Ohio	Rev. E. C. Herman
24.	Rev. James J. Raun	Dr. C. M. Stine,	Wilmington, Del.
25.	Rev. A. Schmitthenner	Zion's, Greensburg, Pa.	Rev. R. Williams
26.	Rev. H. H. Sipes	Nativity, Philadelphia	Rev. J. C. Fisher
27.	Rev. H. R. Spangler	Mr. Wm. Decker,	Montgomery, Pa.
28.	Rev. J. R. Strock	Memorial, Shippenburg, Pa.	Rev. R. S. Bowers
29.	Rev. C. H. Swavely	Mr. and Mrs. Hottenstein,	Spring City, Pa.
30.	Rev. M. E. Thomas	St. Paul's, Leetonia, Ohio	Rev. H. C. Brillhart
31.	Rev. C. P. Tranberg	Calvary, Wilkinsburg, Pa.	Rev. C. B. Foelsch
32.	Rev. O. W. Werner	St. John's, Allentown, Pa.	Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, Jr.

Missionaries Supported in Africa.

	Missionaries	*Supported by*	*Pastor*
33.	Rev. C. H. Brosius	Zion's, Sunbury, Pa.	Rev. C. R. Bowers, D.D.
34.	*Rev. C. E. Buschman	Trinity, Canton, Ohio.	Rev. E. C. Herman, D.D.
35.	Rev. P. M. Counts	St. John's, Zanesville, Ohio	Rev. W. L. Dowler
36.	Rev. J. D. Curran	St. Paul's, Baltimore	Rev. P. A. Heilman, D.D.
37.	Mr. E. D. Ireland	Mt. Zion, Chicago	Rev. D. L. McConnell
38.	Rev. Jens Larsen	Temple, Philadelphia	Rev. A. Pohlman, D.D.
39.	Rev. G. S. Leonard	First, Springfield, Ohio.	Rev. J. B. Markward, D.D.
40.	Mr. H. C. Leonard	English Lutheran, Princeton, Ill.	Rev. T. B. Uber
41.	Dr. C. H. Nielsen	Trinity, Rockford, Ill.	Rev. H. A. Bannen, D.D.

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Missionaries	*Supported by*	*Pastor*
42. Rev. F. M. Traub	First, Johnstown, Pa	Rev. H. W. Snyder
43. Rev. Roy L. Yund	Messiah, Philadelphia	Rev. R. H. Stover

MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED IN JAPAN.

Missionaries	*Supported by*	*Pastor*
44. Rev. C. W. Hepner	Trinity, Rockford, Ill	Rev. H. M. Bannen, D.D.
45. Rev. E. T. Horn	Trinity, Reading, Pa	Rev. E. P. Pfatteicher, D.D.
46. Rev. A. C. Knudten	Trinity, Canton, O	Rev. E. C. Herman, D.D.
47. Rev. J. Arthur Linn	Mt. Zion, Pittsburgh, Pa	Rev. Carl W. Becker
48. Rev. J. K. Linn	Zion's, Harrisburg, Pa	Rev. S. W. Herman, D.D.
49. Rev. C. K. Lippard, D.D.	St. Andrew's, Charleston, S. C	Rev. J. H. Worth
50. Rev. L. S. G. Miller, D.D.	Grace, Winchester, Va	Rev. A. Kelly
51. Rev. G. N. Schillinger	First, Dayton, Ohio	Rev. M. H. Krumbine
52. Rev. C. E. Norman	First, Mansfield, Ohio	Rev. H. C. Roehner, D.D.
53. Rev. S. O. Thorlaksson		Icelandic Lutheran Synod
54. Rev. A. J. Stirewalt	St. Paul's, Wilmington, N. C.	Rev. E. F. Keever, D.D.

MISSIONARY SUPPORTED IN ARGENTINE.

Missionary	*Supported by*	*Pastor*
55. Rev. E. H. Mueller, D.D.	Lutheran, Hummelstown, Pa	Rev. H. S. Garnes

PARISHES ABROAD.

Twenty-eight Young People's Societies are sharing in the support of the Sattenapalli District, Guntur Field, India, which is the Young People's Parish Abroad, by taking one or more shares at $10.00 a year for each share.

At the last convention of the United Danish Church in Racine, Wisconsin, an annual budget of at least $8,000 was adopted with the following appropriations: Kurume $2,500, Moji-Shimonoseki $2,500, Hiida $1,500, Amagi $1,500. These stations, therefore, constitute the United Danish Church's Parish Abroad under the Patron and Protege plan of the Board. In addition the Young People's Society of the United Danish Church will support the Rev. Hajime Inadomi, who was ordained at its recent meeting, and a number of congregations, schools and societies will support other Japanese pastors, evangelists and students. It is gratifying to note the renewed and increased interest of the United Danish Church.

ENDOWMENTS.

The children of the late Rev. B. F. Alleman, D.D., on the anniversary of his death, April 10, 1921, provided an endowment fund as a memorial in the amount of $1,000, the interest of which is to support a theological student in India.

To those who desire by cash or bequest to create similar endowments to erect memorial buildings or to provide for any special object in our mission fields, information will be furnished cheerfully by the Secretaries.

PUBLICITY.

Literature.—Those who desire more detailed information concerning the work in our foreign fields should read The Annual Report of the Foreign Missions of the United Lutheran Church, and our monthly magazines, "The Foreign Missionary" or "Der Missionsbote." The report for the year 1921 has been published in an attractive, illustrated pamphlet, a copy of which was mailed to each pastor in the United Lutheran Church, the Augustana

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Synod, the United Danish Church and the Icelandic Synod. The Women's Missionary Society distributed 700 copies and the Board of Foreign Missions 3,800 copies.

The publication of the Brown Memorial Volume has been mentioned elsewhere in this report.

A number of leaflets and pamphlets has been published, among others Mrs. C. K. Lippard's Story of Japan: "The Return of Taro Hiraki," which first appeared as a serial in "The Foreign Missionary."

For the Epiphany season, culminating in Foreign Mission Day, the Board supplied a Foreign Missionary Service and special envelopes. We have continued the practice in the confident hope that the demand constantly will increase and that sooner or later Foreign Mission Day will again become a recognized and universally observed missionary anniversary in our Churches and schools.

Each year about a thousand copies of "Missionary Ammunition" have been sent free of charge to pastors who have indicated their desire to receive this suggestive and helpful annual publication of the Committee of Reference and Counsel of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America.

Wall maps of our Guntur and Rajahmundry fields in India are still available for those who desire them and will send ten or fifteen cents to cover the postage.

Other avenues of publicity which the Board has used are: "The Lutheran" and the Handbook of the Secretaries' Conference distributed by the Laymen's Missionary Movement in connection with the annual every member canvass.

Our Magazines.—The circulation of our monthly magazines is steadily increasing. At the time of the merger "The Foreign Missionary" had a circulation of 5,000 copies. It is now 12,900. "Der Missionsbote," our German magazine, also has increased its circulation and now has 6,000 subscribers. The Board offers to send to anyone up to 100 copies of either magazine for three months free of charge in the hope of securing permanent club subscriptions. Many pastors and Sunday School Superintendents are taking advantage of this offer.

"Muhlenberg Tidings," published as a monthly at the Boys' School, Muhlenberg Station, Liberia, Africa, is distributed in a limited edition free of charge from the office of the Board.

Stereopticon Lectures.—Before leaving America for Africa, Dr. C. L. Brown had organized the stereopticon department, which has since been developed and now includes the following number of lectures: Seven on India, two on Japan, three on Liberia, one on British Guiana and five on general missionary subjects. These lectures are loaned on payment of express charges and $2.50 for each use of a lecture. Most of the slides are beautifully colored and the text has been written by missionaries and the Secretary in charge of the department. Applications for lectures must be made well in advance of the date on which they are to be used.

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The India Mission.

Because political movements and governmental changes in India have a direct bearing on the work and result of Christian Missions in that land, it becomes necessary in presenting the report of our India Mission to this convention of the United Lutheran Church in America, to refer briefly to what has occurred during the past Biennium in the fields of politics and government.

One of our missionaries writes: "Our Mission is not in the main stream of the National Movement. It is only affected by some of the eddies. The Telugu people have not been in the habit of striking out along new lines for themselves. They are attached locally to their own country and customs and are slower to move than some other areas in India. But in a movement so general they could not remain unaffected."

The National Movement has conspicuously asserted itself during the past two years. The Montagu Reforms, which went into effect in December, 1919, laid the foundations for developing genuine self-government. Certain branches of government, such as departments of education, excise, and public works, have been committed to Indian ministers and Indian legislation. The British Government had long pursued the policy of encouraging mission schools of every grade by dividing with the missions the expenses of erecting school buildings and by giving substantial financial aid for the conduct of the schools.

The National Movement was accompanied by anti-foreign feeling and demonstrations, which have somewhat subsided. Gandhi urged all Indians to withdraw their children from government and government-aided schools. Many followed his advice and mission schools suffered. Fortunately in the Madras Presidency the Legislative Council "voted down a resolution to refuse grants to schools that do not make religious instruction voluntary, and did it largely on the ground that such action would close mission schools which at present are needed by the people."

Great Mission Problems.

1. *The Educational Problem.*

The Educational Problem as it affects our American Lutheran Mission in India, relates in particular at present to three institutions, the Vocational Middle School, the United Christian College and the United Lutheran Theological Seminary.

a. *Vocational Middle Schools.*—Two years ago a Commission of English and American educationists, sent by the Foreign Mission Boards of Great Britain and North America, visited India to study the problem of village education. Their report recommends, among other things, that Christian Missions, which still have a place in elementary education in India, should emphasize vocational training in middle schools. It is gratifying to note that plans had been prepared at Guntur for a vocational training school several years before the Commission visited India, which proves that our

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Mission is fully alive to the educational needs of its field. It should be stated here, however, that if vocational training is to be extended to other parts of our mission fields in India an outlay of money for buildings, equipment and staff will be required for which we cannot possibly provide unless the financial embarrassment of our Board is speedily removed. For the present we must restrict the Mission to the experiment for which it is preparing at Guntur.

b. *United Christian College.*—In our report to the Washington Convention of the United Lutheran Church, two years ago, we referred to the necessity of establishing a Christian College for the Telugu area. The time has come for a decision on this question. We ask this Convention to authorize the Board of Foreign Missions to co-operate with the Church Missionary Society of England and other Protestant Boards and Societies which have Missions in the Telugu area in the establishment of a Telugu Christian College. The Executive Board tentatively sanctioned arrangements with the Church Missionary Society's Mission to make its college at Masulipatam, Noble College, temporarily the United Christian College with Rev. J. Roy Strock as Principal. He assumed his duties at the head of this institution in July, 1922. He writes in the Annual Report of our Foreign Missions, just published: "The Telugu Missions Conference recently took acton in favor of the establishment of such a College. The Missions working in the Telugu area are being invited to take part in the scheme, either by supplying a missionary member of the staff or by giving an annual contribution. Up to the present three missions have forwarded the proposal to their Home Boards with their recommendation. It is certainly the wise course for missions to pursue, and the scheme deserves the hearty support of all who are interested in higher education. Education of the collegiate grade is becoming increasingly expensive so that one Mission cannot man, equip and support a college in an adequate manner for it to be efficient from either the educational or the missionary standpoint. United effort alone will enable missions to offer to the people of India education of a really superior quality under Christian influence."

To this testimony should be added that of Dr. John Aberly, the President of the Council of the India Mission: "Heretofore Universities have been Examining Bodies only. Now residential Universities are the order of the day. One of the first to be launched in the South is to be the Telugu University. What effect will this have on our Guntur College? Are we equal to the task of raising $1,700,000 (Rs. 5,000,000) and furnish the professors needed to make it a University with its own charter? That would be one solution. Or, if this cannot be done, can Missions unitedly do it? The very question suggests the answer, and that is that it must be along the line of a United Institution if it is to be done at all. United work in higher education is at present the only course open to Missions. So much is plain. Details only have to be worked out and it looks as though we might have to work them out at short notice."

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It should be remembered that the High School and College at Guntur and the High Schools at Peddapur and Bhimawaram are to be continued as at present, with the idea of fitting them into the scheme as a whole, and that, moreover, adequate provision is to be made for the spiritual care of college students in the United Institution by the respective Missions. A dormitory for Lutheran Students in charge of a Lutheran Missionary or Indian Pastor is one of the conditions of our co-operation.

c. *United Theological Seminary.*—Sanction was given at the last Convention of the United Lutheran Church in America to establish a Theological Seminary in India in co-operation with other Lutheran Missions. At that time we had good hopes of a speedy realization of our plans, but questions of location, language and practical co-operation have delayed the establishment of the United Lutheran Theological Seminary. However, a beginning has been made in our own Mission by forming a class of sixteen theological students under the supervision of Dr. J. Aberly at Guntur. The teachers of the class are Dr. Aberly, Rev. C. R. Gopal, Rev. P. Philip Leisenring, Mr. K. Luke, Mr. P. B. Paul and Mr. Gera Jacob. The students are all married men who have had experience in mission work. Most of them are High School graduates. All the instruction is given in English. Another class is to be formed in July, 1923. For the training of catechists Junior Bible Classes are conducted in both fields. We wish to express the hope that the obstacles placed in the way of a United Theological Seminary for the Lutheran Church in India may speedily be removed, because we are convinced that no other institution is of greater importance for the unified strength and influence of our Lutheran Church in India.

2. The Church Problem.

1. *Our Synods in India*—The Mission is the mother of the native Church. In some mission fields the spirit of independence and initiative on the part of the native Christians asserts itself earlier and more definitely than in other fields. In India, parallel with the national movement in politics during the past few years, there has arisen a movement for greater independence in the activities and government of the native Church. This movement is not to be discouraged but directed. In our mission fields wisdom and judgment, patience and brotherly love have characterized the relations of the missionaries and native Christians in their effort to solve this pressing problem. The missionaries on the one hand have welcomed the zeal and efficiency of native Christian leaders, and these leaders, on the other hand, fully realize that complete independence is dependent on an economically independent laity. In India the solution of the problem, apart from the development of competent native leadership, lies in the Christianization of the economically independent castes.

The organized Synods in the Guntur and Rajahmundry fields have already taken over congregational and evangelistic work, and to the Guntur Synod has been committed, also, the care of the parochial schools. This is a move in the right direction and puts our mission well on among the missions

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in India that are making the Church and not the mission the center for the bringing of the Gospel to the people.

In order the more closely to relate the Synods in India with our United Lutheran Church in America, the Board of Foreign Missions has asked the Mission to lay before the Guntur and Rajahmundry Synods a proposal which includes the adoption of the confessional basis of the United Lutheran Church in America and the enrollment of these Synods as Associate Synods of the United Lutheran Church in America, with the right of sending a limited number of delegates, who shall have voice on the floor of the Convention and vote in all matters pertaining to their Synods. Before taking any further steps in the matter the Board awaits the action of the Synods in India.

2. *United Lutheran Church in India*—The Third All-India Lutheran Conference met in Guntur October 4-7, 1921. "The distinguishing features of this meeting were the very large Indian representation and their active participation in the Conference." One of the subjects of discussion which occupied much attention was the union of all Lutherans in India in one Church organization. A proposed constitution, embodying the confessional basis of the United Lutheran Church in America, has been submitted for approval to the missions and "there is good reason to believe that it will be accepted by practically 200,000 Lutheran Christians in India." Without doubt the union of the Guntur and Rajahmundry Missions and the assistance given former German Missions by our American Lutheran Church have been determining factors in the formation of plans to organize a United Lutheran Church in India.

3. *German Missions Problem*—The former German Missions in India still present an unsolved problem, in which many conflicting interests are involved. The mission for whose continued existence we are directly responsible is that of the Schleswig-Holstein or Breklum Society in the Jeypur field. Our appropriation for this field, not including the salaries of missionaries, was fixed at $24,000 (Rs. 66,000) during the year 1922. Three of our missionary families have been located at Parvatipur for a year, Rev. and Mrs. Oscar V. Werner, Rev. and Mrs. W. F. Adolphsen, Rev. and Mrs. James J. Raun. Others will probably be sent to this field during the coming year. Boarding schools, one a girls' school, have been opened at Parvatipur, Salur and Jeypur. We have instructed our Mission in India to treat this field as though it were our own by submitting an annual budget and making financial and statistical reports for it in the same manner as for the Guntur and Rajamundry fields. We have also requested the Women's Missionary Society to finance the women's work in this field.

Changes are taking place in the attitude of the British Government to the question of the return of German missionaries. The most recent Government order permits the return of individual German missionaries whose records and credentials are satisfactory and whose work will be under the

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supervision of a British subject as the head of the Mission. We are trying out the situation in several directions and believe that an effort to secure the return of at least one of the former Breklum missionaries to the Jeypur field will meet with success in the near future.

In the former Gossner mission field, financed by the National Lutheran Council, two of our missionary families are stationed, both at Ranchi, Rev. and Mrs. Isaac Cannady, Rev. and Mrs. H. R. Spangler.

Progress in Every Direction—After having edited the statistics of our mission in India for the year 1921, which show what a remarkable work is being done in our three fields, Guntur, Rajahmundry and Jeypur, Dr. Victor McCauley wrote: "There are now in these three fields only a few less than 112,000 baptized members and more than 127,000 adherents. This makes a close approach toward 50 per cent. of all Lutherans in India. It also represents a fair proportion of all Protestant Christians in the Telugu country. But what are they among 20,000,000 Telugus!"

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1921.

	Guntur	Rajahmundry	Jeypur	Total
Baptized Members	66,755	30,163	15,073	111,991
Communicants	23,518	15,457	8,204	47,179
Baptisms, 1921	5,019	3,149	1,636	9,804
Inquirers	6,829	6,396	2,287	15,512
Missionaries, Men	14	9	3	26
Missionaries' Wives	13	9	3	25
Single Women	18	10	0	28
Indian Pastors	13	8	3	24
Indian Workers	1,283	1,671	247	3,201
Sunday School Pupils	22,009	12,011	177	34,197
Boarding and Day Pupils	14,199	14,315	1,744	30,258
Benevolent Contributions	$6,040	$3,482	$1,366	$10,888
Other Local Income	$44,108	$20,605	$400	$65,113
Budget approximation, 1922, for both fields	.....	$250,297	$24,000	$274,297

RAJAHMUNDRY HANDICAP.

While the Reformation Diamond Jubilee Fund as fast as it is restored by the reduction of the Board's indebtedness will be available for the erection of buildings and the development of outstation work in the Guntur Field, the Rajahmundry Field continues to suffer for lack of funds to erect needed bungalows, school buildings and churches and to take advantage of the opportunities for extending the work. It was principally for this field and our Japan Mission that the Board repeatedly but unsuccessfully approached the Executive Board for authorization to undertake a systematic effort to raise funds for a forward movement. Fortunately the fact that the women's work in all our foreign fields is financed by the Women's Missionary Society has enabled our women missionaries in the Rajahmundry as well as in the Guntur Field to advance their particular work.

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Missionaries.

Our missionaries in India merit sincere appreciation. They now number over one hundred, including the wives of missionaries, some of whom are in independent charge of work. Their task is growing more difficult every year as the mission problems press for more rapid solution. The older and more experienced ones are showing marked ability as administrators and organizers, and several of them are now ranked among the leading Christian missionaries in India. The newer and younger ones are wisely tempering their commendable zeal with diligent study and earnest work in preparation for the great tasks awaiting them.

Deaths.—With deep regret we report the deaths of Rev. Edwin A. Olson, Miss Virginia M. Boyer and the children of Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Graefe. Missionary Olson died of smallpox at Rawal Pindi on May 31, 1921, while on a journey to North India to take his hot season vacation. Miss Boyer was returning to Iindia after her first furlough in America to teach in the school for missionaries' children at Kodaikanal. She was drowned at the sinking of the S. S. "Egypt" on May 21, 1922, off the island of Ushant, France. Before returning on their first furlough Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Graefe lost their second child in India and shortly after they reached America their infant daughter died of diphtheria in Baltimore. They are returning to our mission in India, thus manifesting a spirit of consecration which is exemplary.

Resignations.—Dr. John Aberly, who has been called to occupy the Passavant Chair of Missions in Chicago Theological Seminary at Maywood, Ill., will remain a year or two longer in India to finish some important literary and administrative work.

Dr. Betty A. Nilsson, after thirteen years of faithful and successful service at the Hospital for Women and Children, Rajahmundry, resigned to remain at home with her aged parents in Rockford, Ill. Her father died soon after her return on furlough and her mother is in feeble health. Her successor at the Rajahmundry Hospital is Dr. Elizabeth Reese-Wilkins.

Other resignations are noted in another part of this report. We would like to mention each one of our missionaries by name and speak of their respective work in the various districts and departments of our mission work, but cannot even introduce a list of names for lack of space and refer the interested reader to the pamphlet published every year by the Board with the title "The Annual Report of the Foreign Missions of the United Lutheran Church in America," and to the monthly magazines, "The Foreign Missionary" and "Der Missionsbote," through which our missionaries keep the home Church informed concerning their efforts, problems, plans and prospects.

Completely Merged in India.

One of the most significant events in the history of our mission work in India is the merging of the Guntur and Rajahmundry Missions, concerning

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which one of our missionaries writes: "The merging of the Lutheran Churches in America has led to a more rapid merging here in India than the most sanguine among us had anticipated. In October, 1920, final action was taken bringing Rajahmundry and Guntur into one general organization, known as the Council of the India Mission of the United Lutheran Church in America." We no longer speak of the Guntur Mission or the Rajahmundry Mission, but of the India Mission, and refer to the Guntur Field and the Rajahmundry Field. Each is divided into districts and the whole is directed by the central organization, whose officers are: Rev. John Aberly, D.D., President; Rev. H. H. Sipes, Vice-President; Rev. Oscar L. Larson, Corresponding Secretary; Miss F. W. Welty, Recording Secretary; Dr. Anna S. Kugler, Corresponding Secretary for Women's Work; Rev. Harry Goedeke, Treasurer. For the mission thus organized, excluding missionaries' salaries and traveling expenses, $250,297 was appropriated in 1922, of which $71,117 was furnished by the Women's Missionary Society. It was with sincere regret that, because of its inability to reduce its indebtedness and its helplessness in securing funds for buildings and equipment in addition to the apportionment, the Board reduced the estimate of the mission 7 per cent. for general work in 1922 and made no appropriations for new buildings except for those for which provision had already been made by the R. D. J. A. Fund.

The Japan Mission.

So closely was Rev. Charles L. Brown, D. D., related to our Japan Mission that a report of the work of the mission of the past Biennium, in which he died, necessarily must begin with a tribute to his life as a missionary in Japan and the Board's Secretary for Japan. The Board has just published a memorial volume in which his life and work are described and tributes to his memory are printed. Here we wish briefly to refer to his relation to the Japan Mission as a constructive force during the twenty-three years of his vigorous manhood, which he gave in unstinted measure for the Christianization of Japan. It is no exaggeration to say that what our Japan Mission is today it owes to Dr. C. L. Brown more than to any other man. He founded Kyushu Gakuin in 1911 and erected its first buildings. He was the chosen leader of his fellow-workers while he served as a missionary in Japan, and when he was selected by the Board to be the Secretary for Japan the missionaries looked to him to make their dreams come true. When he died of typhoid fever with grave complications at Sanoghie, Liberia, December 5, 1921, our missionaries in Japan were overshadowed by a dark cloud of disappointment. In the providence of God we believe that his early departure will be overruled for the advancement of the work which he loved.

In this connection we desire again to lay upon the hearts of our pastors and people the project of the Brown Memorial Chapel at Kyushu Gakuin, which is to cost $35,000 and is to be a fitting memorial. It should be erected at once to meet the religious needs of the school. Thus far the

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appeal of the Board has met with an unsatisfactory response. It is hoped that those who have not yet contributed will do so within the next few months to honor the memory of Dr. Brown.

The Lutheran Church in Japan

In the last biennial report Dr. Brown himself described the unique character of the mission organization in relation to the Japanese Church. This year the same proposals made to the Synods in India were made to the Lutheran Church in Japan, requesting the adoption of the confessional basis of the United Lutheran Church in America and suggesting that the Lutheran Church in Japan apply for associate membership in the United Lutheran Church in America, with the right of sending one delegate who shall have the privilege of the floor at all times and the right to vote on all matters pertaining to the Lutheran Church in Japan. We await the action of the annual convention in Japan before making formal application to the United Lutheran Church in America on behalf of the Church in Japan.

The Problem in Japan.

The most serious problem of our mission work in Japan is financial. Japan is one of the most expensive mission fields in the world. It is practically impossible to accomplish results in any line of activity without the investment of large sums of money. On the letter heads now used by the officers of the Mission appears this list of appeals: Seminary, $100,000; Girls' School, $170,000; College, $100,000; Churches, Chapels, Mission Homes, $630,000.

Four years ago the Mission prepared a ten-year program which called for an outlay of $1,000,000 during this period. There is no extravagance in these hopes when viewed from the point of view of missionary necessity and opportunity. The problem, therefore, does not lie in the mission field but in the home church, where the funds must be raised. As it is, the meager sums which the Board is able to appropriate enable the Japan Mission barely to make headway against the strong, steady current of financial demands and adverse conditions.

Station Equipment.

It is clear that no permanent work can be established without property and equipment. We expect the impossible from our missionaries, Japanese pastors and evangelists when we locate them in a city and provide nothing better than rented Japanese houses, utterly inadequate and unattractive. Every one of the stations on the main island of Hondo is still in this hopeless condition. While Rev. C. W. Hepner was on furlough in America he succeeded in raising a few thousand dollars for the Osaka Station, but not enough to provide the needed equipment. When Rev. A. J. Stirewalt on his return to Japan from furlough in America took charge of the Tokyo Station work, he found conditions so discouraging and his appeal for equipment was so convincing that the Board borrowed

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money from special funds and allowed him $10,000 with which to lease a lot for a period of at least thirty years and begin the erection of a missionaries' home and parsonage for the Japanese pastor. The Rev. D. G. M. Bach is now appealing to the pastors and congregations in the United Danish Church for the equipment of the Moji-Shimonoseki Station.

Mission Institutions.

Kyushu Gakuin—We have already referred to the Brown Memorial Chapel at Kyushu Gakuin. The Brotherhood of the United Lutheran Church in America has pledged $5,000 for an additional dormitory. Sooner or later the Board must face the problem of elevating this school to the grade of a college. In 1921, Kyushu Gakuin completed its first decade of service. The Japanese principal and four teachers of the 24 employed, served during this entire period. The school enrolls 580 students and has had 417 graduates. In December, 1920, Rev. Edward T. Horn became the chaplain of the institution and organized a congregation with a membership of 60, 26 of whom were teachers and their wives. Six students were baptized at the first service and at the last before the summer vacation in 1921, 13 students, two wives of teachers and the daughter of a teacher were baptized. The total number of Christians among the student body is now 65. The Harper Memorial Home was completed and occupied by the Dean, Rev. L. S. G. Miller, D.D., and family, in April, 1921, and a large tract of land was added to the school property. The Zaidan or governing body of the school, hitherto composed entirely of foreign missionaries, was reorganized last year so as to include a minority of Japanese teachers.

The Theological Seminary—The Mission has decided on Tokyo as the location of the Theological Seminary. Several of our missionaries on furlough and Rev. H. Inadomi appealed for this institution and some funds are in hand, but not sufficient to warrant the Board in authorizing the purchase of the site. The Theological Department which has been continued at Kyushu Gakuin enrolls seven students and is in charge of Rev. J. P. Nielsen as Dean.

Colony of Mercy—Near Kumamoto a large tract of land (Tsubo 6,000), has been purchased for the colony of mercy. The three branches of work planned are: An Orphanage, an Old People's Home, a Rescue Home. Beginnings in all three directions have been made, but the further development of this enterprise will depend on the erection of buildings, for the provision of which the Mission looks to the Women's Missionary Society. This society is also gathering funds for the erection of a Girl's School.

Japanese Students in America.

During the Biennium the following Japanese students have continued their studies in America: Rev. H. Inadomi at the Philadelphia Theological Seminary, where he took a post-graduate course. Rev. I. Miura was graduated from the Gettysburg Theological Seminary and will take special course at

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Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore. Mr. N. Asaji is taking the regular course at the Philadelphia Theological Seminary. Mr. K. Hirai is a student at Lenoir College and Mr. C. Kishi at Roanoke College. We wish to express to these colleges and seminaries and to all friends who are helping our Japanese students the sincere appreciation of the Board.

Newspaper Evangelism.

The Federated Missions in Japan are using a method of newspaper evangelism, which is unique and effective. It consists of taking space in secular newspapers and filling that space with material furnished by a central bureau under the direction of a committee of the co-operating Missions. One of our missionaries is a member of this committee. The articles inserted are short and each is intended to set forth a central truth of Christianity, driven home with a passage of Holy Scripture. In one issue the text of the parable of the Prodigal Son was printed in large type. The printing of this parable in two dailies with a combined circulation of 170,000 cost less than $75.00. There is no way of ascertaining how widely these newspaper articles are read but there is evidence that they receive extensive reading, lead to discussion and to inquiry by correspondence. The inquirers are referred for personal instruction to their nearest missionary. The central bureau is located at Fukuoka with Rev. A. Pieters of the Reformed Church Mission in charge. Our Board allowed the Mission in Japan on its annual budget the sum of $1,000 for this newspaper evangelism and hopes that by approving this form of work the United Lutheran Church will encourage the Board to make an additional appropriation to open a branch office at Saga, directly under the control of our own missionaries.

Summary of Statistics for the Year 1921.

Stations Occupied	17
Foreign Missionaries, including wives	34
Japanese Pastors	9
Japanese Evangelists	11
Membership of Churches	1,165
Communicants	700
Baptisms in 1921	115
Received by Letter	36
Sunday Schools	40
S. S. Pupils	2,256
Kindergarten Pupils	136
Kyushu Gakuin Students	580
Contributions (Yen 3.907)	$1,954
Budget Appropriation, 1922	$80,000

Missionaries.

The missionaries in Japan have been faithful in their work, eager for the growth and development of the Mission and earnest in their endeavor to establish a Japanese Lutheran Church. They deserve our continual prayers and liberal financial support. The resignations of Rev. M. M. Kipps in 1921,

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of Rev. J. M. T. Winther and Rev. Frisby D. Smith in 1922 were accepted with deep regret. The recruits sent out during the biennium, two ordained men and three women missionaries, will be ready for regular work after spending two years on the study of Japanese.

A Testimonial.

Because of its financial embarrassment the Board was compelled to severely reduce the estimate of the Japan Mission for the year 1922, appropriating $80,000 for the general work, not including missionaries' salaries and women's work. Only a few thousand dollars are available for building and equipment. It remains for the Home Church by its contributions to say how far the Mission may go in its effort to establish and develop the Lutheran Church in Japan. It must be remembered that no other Lutherans, except a very small group of Finnish Lutherans, are doing mission work in Japan.

One of the Lutherans who attended the World's Sunday School Convention at Tokyo and visited our mission stations in Japan, expressing the conviction of all other Lutherans in the delegation, wrote: "Japan has become a world-power, exerting a tremendous influence in Korea, China and Siberia. Whether this influence will be for good or evil depends on the success of the effort to Christianize her people. The Buddhists are working hard and are imitating Christian methods. I see no reason why Christianity cannot be as firmly established as Buddhism, which really is a foreign religion, if missionaries are well-equipped, supported and reinforced. Taking our Lutheran work in Japan as a whole, I believe it most important. Our missionaries impressed me as a fine, earnest and energetic body, who should be encouraged and supported to the fullest extent of the ability of the Church."

Africa.

Muhlenberg Mission, Liberia.

The dark continent with its crying needs, has a strong hold on our United Lutheran Church. The biennium under report marks substantial progress in several ways.

Our medical work under the direction of Dr. J. P. Nielson and Miss M. Martens has been most helpful and calls for increase of the personnel, so that it need not halt while the missionary doctor and nurse go on furlough. Our aim is to strengthen this branch of service which loudly calls for more doctors and nurses.

The building operations of the Mission have been under the superintendence of James W. Miller, who has prosecuted his work most effectively. The Phebe Hospital was completed and has been in operation under Dr. Nielson and Miss Martens. The Girls' School Building, so unfortunately delayed, is approaching completion. Plans are being matured to build three or four interior stations for which money is available from the R. D. J. Fund and other sources.

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The new stations to be opened in the interior are to be located at Zigita, Zorzor and either N'Zolou or Bakasa. A fourth place is to be chosen in the near future. The interior stations at which work was carried on, viz. Sanoghie, Bethel and Kpolopele are only the beginnings for our interior work in Liberia. The progress made at each of them is the promise that in this plan lies our sure success.

The biennium was marked by a very vigorous manifestation of African Church-life. Our native workers not only pledged deeper loyalty to the Mission but also asked for larger responsibility as they show their fitness for the same.

The Mission deplores with a deep and lasting regret that Dr. Brown's visit to the field met with such a sad end. High hopes were held that he would inaugurate new and large plans for the Liberian Mission. But the Board has fully determined to press forward along the path marked out, in opening our interior stations, with schools for boys and girls and vigorous evangelistic work.

The industrial side of the Mission will be pushed as in the past, but our schools must be strengthened not only on this side but also in other ways. Homer C. Leonard, the younger brother of Rev. G. C. Leonard, will give his special attention to the higher educational development.

The statistics of the Mission remain much the same and are as follows:

Number of Missionaries, including wives	29
Number of Stations	6
Number of Schools	9
Number of Scholars	300
Number of Workers	30
Communicants	325

The South American Missions.

BRITISH GUIANA.

Missionary Ralph J. White and family have superintended this Mission during another biennium. The Rev. and Mrs. M. A. Rugh returned from the field after a few months' residence. Rev. White has done his work well. He is assisted by a capable corps of Christian workers in both the school and evangelistic operations. He writes recently that he has been very busy in the mission stations on the Berbice river; and at the head station in New Amsterdam he has had a fine accession.

The Parochial Report.

Pastor	1
Catechists	3
School Teachers	5
Catechumens	35
Infant Baptisms	40
Communicants	250
Baptized Members	400

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This Mission has all the marks of an organized church in its head congregation in New Amsterdam and all the characteristics of a mission in Ituni station among the Arowak Indians. Missionary White expects to return to America at the close of 1923. The Board must fill his place with a good man to maintain this flourishing field and reap the fruits of the past sowing.

Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Interest in this field has been increased during the biennium. Mrs. Anna H. Mueller, who served without salary, has temporarily returned to America to minister to her family. She hopes eventually to return when circumstances permit. The Board commissioned and sent to the field Rev. Paul O. Machetski.

The great need of the Mission is for equipment. Little work can be done in a great city like Buenos Aires without a local habitation. The Board is calling for $65,000 with which to secure a permanent home. Dr. Chas. L. Fry is especially employed by the Board to raise funds for this new field.

The Budget for 1923 has been fixed at $19,250, being an increase of $2,000 over the previous two years. The Women's Missionary Society is quite interested and helps to support our girls' school.

Statistics.

Missionaries	4
Assistants	12
Organized Churches	1
Preaching Stations	3
Total Church Members	105
Total Pupils in Schools	91
Total Students in various departments	243
Students in Theology	1
Amount received in School fees	$3,271.00
Amount Benevolence	578.00
Amount Donations	946.00
Total local receipts	$4,796.00

Dr. Mueller writes most encouragingly as follows:

"Up to the end of 1921 work was kept going with the aid of our Theological students. Our membership rose from 54 to 105 and our communicants from 23 to 54; Sunday School scholars from 58 to 122 and benevolence from nothing to $578."

"Special features of the year were a six months' training course for Kindergarten teachers." The attendance of our language school in English and French increased from 40 to 60. Under needs he writes: "We need a church building, a school building, a home and another ordained missionary. With an adequate equipment and a sufficient force of workers, this Mission would soon be self-supporting in many departments."

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General Financial Statement.

The Board of Foreign Missions received generous treatment at the hands of the last Convention, both because of its needs and its serious indebtedness. For the current work of the Missions and to clear indebtedness, the total amount granted was $1,050,000.00 for the biennium. The Synods almost without an exception, accepted this apportionment. But the fact must be faced that they raised only about 60 per cent. A summary of the money paid on the apportionment is as follows for the current work. Full details can be learned by a study of the Treasurer's accounts as presented at the end of this report.

Summary.

Amount on apportionment for biennium and specials through Treasurer Miller and Board Treasurer for current work	$741,009.33	
Women's Missionary Society	300,016.29	
Interest on investments and other receipts	48,673.24	
Bequests	24,141.41	
Total used in current work		$1,113,840.27
Additional money received by Treasurer of the Board:		
From Augustana Synod	$47,387.09	
From United Danish Church	14,358.39	
Total		61,745.48
Grand total for regular expenses		$1,175,585.75
Received for special objects not included in current work:		
Reformation Diamond Jubilee Fund	$47,956.66	
For Theological Seminaries in India and Japan and extension of work in South America and Japan	44,525.13	
Gossner Mission from the National Lutheran Council	61,743.67	
Total	$154,225.46	

It is interesting to note what money was received from the Churches, on apportionment and what given in excess of the apportionment. There was paid on apportionment through Treasurer, Mr. E. Clarence Miller, $617,836.00. This shows that the Churches paid only about 60 per cent. on the apportionment. It is a hopeful sign that many Churches do not measure their responsibility in terms of apportionment. All the gifts of the Women's Missionary Societies are in excess of the apportionment and amounted to $300,016.29. The great cause is on the heart of these noble women and they gave almost half as much for the cause as was received through the apportionment plan from the churches.

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However, many of our Churches, individuals, Sunday Schools, and Young People's Societies have also given largely, and those gifts too are mainly from churches that pay their apportionment in full. The following shows the amount received:

Special contributions through the Synodical Treasurers and Treasurer Mr. E. Clarence Miller	$ 72,106.05
Specials through the Board Treasurer	50,813.69
Total	$122,919.74

This sum coupled with the Women's Missionary Societies' gifts, makes the special gifts, in excess of the apportionment, $422,936.03. Hence it appears that about two-thirds as much was given by churches and individuals in excess of the apportionment as was given in the regular way.

The expenditure of the Board for the biennium is grouped under a few heads for ready reference:

Missionaries' Salaries and Travel Expenses	$197,921.49	
Budgets to Mission Fields	578,017.22	
Home Base expenses, including Secretaries' salaries, office, travel, etc.	94,977.56	
Women's Missionary Society's Work	334,443.23	
Total		$1,205,359.50
Specials not included in current work		99,063.60
Total expenditures		$1,304,423.10

This calls for no special comment. It may be noted, however, that the home base expense was a little less than 6 per cent. of all money handled.

Reformation Diamond Jubilee Fund.

Total receipts to date of July 31, 1922		$252,210.70
Amounts spent on projects to July 31, 1922	$54,398.43	
Amount invested as Trust Fund	45,000.00	
Total		$99,398.43
Balance of fund on hand		$152,812.27

Trust Funds.

The Board has increased its trust funds and its annuities. At the close of the last report it held in endowments and securities $125,302.81. This amount has been increased during the biennium to $178,093.77 (book value). The Board's annuities then amounted to $19,450 and now amount to $43,000. The aim of the Board's Finance Committee is to cover all trust

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funds and annuities with the best long-time securities available. Attention is called to the Board list of investments. During the biennium the following bequests and annuities were received:

Bequests.

Elizabeth U. Uhrich, Lebanon, Pa.	$977.87
J. Henry Miller, Lebanon, Pa.	475.00
Henry Fritz, York, Pa.	7,125.00
Katharine P. Carlisle, Galion, Ohio	465.00
Katherine E. Schaeffer, Philadelphia, Pa.	4.750.00
Katherine Klaiber, Utica, New York	386.65
Margaret and Adam Miller, Denver, Colo.	142.86
Anna M. Brewer, Chambersburg, Pa.	237.50
Londine C. D. Kraacke, Burlington, N. J.	25.00
Anton Zeit, Rochester, Pa.	416.02
Emma Kock, Philadelphia, Pa.	500.00
Thos. W. Gable, Northampton, Pa.	300.00
Mrs. Eliz. M. Arnold, Pittsburg, Pa.	50.00
Annie R. Leidigh, San Diego, Cal.	2,885.65
Mrs. A. J. Sauer, Buffalo, New York	510.00
Charles A. Kunkel, Harrisburg, Pa.	3,000.00
Catherine Anne Boyd, New Kensington, Pa.	90.00
Mary M. M. Mohr, Weightman, Allentown, Pa.	1,804.86
	$24,141.41

Annuities.

Mrs. Lavina Metzker	$3,000.00
Miss Jennie B. Angstadt	150.00
Fred and Maggie Mehring	20,000.00
Leonora Scheu	300.00
Rosa Scheu	200.00
Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Luther Kuhlman	1,000.00
Catherine S. and Clara V. Sadtler	500.00
Emma L. N. Boileau	500.00
E. Jessie N. Hoffman	500.00
Rev. S. A. Hedges	400.00
	$26,550.00

We also call attention to the financial co-operation in our work in India by the Augustana Synod, and in Japan by the United Danish Synod. The former contributed $47,387 and the latter $14,135.

Our Board's accounts have been audited four times in the biennium by Miss Elsa Doetsch, an accredited accountant, for the small fee of $70.00 for each audit, a total of $280.00.

BUDGET.

Our Board presented to the Executive Board the following Budget for the apportionment for 1922-23.

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Africa:		
1. Mission Budget	$18,700	
2. Missionaries' Salaries	12,100	
3. Travel to and from Field	7,700	
4. New Missionaries	2,200	
5. Miscellaneous	2,200	$42,900
India:		
1. Mission Budget	$196,350	
2. Missionaries' Salaries	42,900	
3. Travel to and from field	25,300	
4. New Missionaries	5,500	
5. Breklum Mission	24,200	
6. Miscellaneous	12,750	307,000
Japan:		
1. Mission Budget	58,300	
2. Missionaries' Salaries	27,500	
3. Travel to and from field	6,600	
4. New Missionaries	1,650	
5. Miscellaneous	4,400	98,450
South America—		
British Guiana:		
1. Mission Budget	2,200	
2. Missionaries Salaries	2,200	
3. Travel to and from Field	2,200	
4. New Missionaries	1,650	
5. Miscellaneous	1,760	10,010
Buenos Aires:		
1. Mission Budget	6,600	
2. Missionaries Salaries	6,600	
3. Travel to and from field	1,650	
4. New Missionaries	3,300	
5. Miscellaneous	1,100	10,250
Home Base:		
1. Secretaries and Clerks	14,300	
2. Publicity and Literature including Annual Report	8,000	
3. Travel, Board Meetings, Missionaries on Furlough	6,000	
4. Office Rent, and Office Supplies	$2,750	
5. Postage, Express, Telephone and Telegraph	1,690	
6. Miscellaneous	1,650	$34,390
Grand Total		$512,000
Add one-half Board's indebtedness		50,000
		$562,000
Deduct contributions of Augustana and Danish Synods		$37,000
Total amount asked for 1923		$525,000
Amount asked for 1924 (10% increase)		563,200
Augustana and Danish Synod Deduction		37,000
		$526,200

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Add one-half Board's indebtedness	$50,000
Total amount asked for 1924	$576,200

RECOMMENDED RESOLUTIONS.

1. INTERCESSION.—*Resolved* that

(a) *For our Foreign Missionaries,* our representatives and Christ's servants for the triumph of his truth and kingdom overseas,

(b) *For the native Christian pastors,* evangelists and teachers, on whom the extension of the Church everywhere largely depends,

(c) For all our brethren in the faith, with whom we share the hope of salvation through Jesus Christ, and

(d) *For all non-Christians* still unreached by the Gospel

(1) We call upon the Pastors and People in our United Lutheran Church to intercede at the throne of grace, praying also for more laborers to be thrust forth into His great harvest field abroad; and

(2) That the adoption of this resolution be followed immediately by a period of prayer and intercession, under the direction of the President of the Board.

2. AUDIT.—*Resolved* That the Board of Foreign Missions be authorized and empowered to have its accounts audited, as heretofore, by a certified public accountant of the State of Maryland, to be approved by the Executive Board, and thus be relieved of the inordinate expense of the audit by the firm appointed by the Executive Board.

3. UNITED CHRISTIAN COLLEGE, INDIA.—*Resolved* That the Board of Foreign Missions be authorized to co-operate with other Evangelical Missionary Societies and Boards at work in the Telugu area, India, for the establishment and maintenance of a United Christian College, provided that our Mission in India is proportionately represented in the College Council (Board of Directors) and faculty, and that the unrestricted spiritual care of the Lutheran Students is committed to our Mission in India.

4. NEWSPAPER EVANGELISM, JAPAN.—*Resolved* That the action of the Board of Foreign Missions in granting an annual appropriation of $1,000 for newspaper evangelism in Japan as conducted under the auspices of the Federated Missions, be approved, and the Board be authorized to grant additional sums at its discretion, provided at least one of our missionaries is a member of the controlling committee and a sub-office is established at one of our Lutheran Mission Stations.

5. CHINA MISSION.—*Resolved* That when opportunity is offered and funds are made available, the Board of Foreign Missions be authorized to begin a Mission in China.

EZRA K. BELL, President.
GEORGE DRACH, Secretary.
LUTHER B. WOLF, Secretary.

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REPORT OF L. B. WOLF, TREASURER, FOR BIENNIUM.

August 1, 1920, *to July* 31, 1922.

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS.

for the Year Ended 31st July, 1921.

RECEIPTS.

	General Fund	Women's Missionary Society Fund	Other Funds
United Church	$296,483.63	$113,684.09	.....
Augustana and Danish Synods	32,849.50	.....	.....
Donations for specific purposes, as annexed	.....	.....	$94,422.75
Donations for general purposes, including bequests	37,859.38	131.20	.....
Trust Funds	.....	.....	14,364.20
Annuities	.....	.....	3,150.00
Interest on Investments	8,356.28	.....	.....
Bank Interest	2,272.10	.....	.....
The Foreign Missionary	1,337.32	.....	.....
Der Missionsbote	956.85	.....	.....
Income from rental of slides	311.34	.....	.....
Miscellaneous receipts	1,586.15	.....	.....
Proceeds from sale of securities	.....	.....	27,537.89
	$382,012.55	$113,815.29	$139,474.84
Cash Receipts	$624,462.68		
Securities received	10,850.00	$635,302.68	

DISBURSEMENTS.

Budgets paid to Missions	$293,282.03	$84,875.34	
Salaries to Missionaries	62,053.64	27,535.68	
Salaries of Treasurer, Secretary and Board Representatives	8,550.00	.....	.....
Salaries of Clerks, Stenographers, etc...	4,128.00	.....	.....
Expenses of Missionaries traveling to and from fields	$30.245.76	$18,134.09	.....
Expenses of Treasurer, Secretary and Board Representatives	8,036.55	426.59	.....
Expenses of Candidates and Missionaries on furlough	4,963.26	.....	.....
Disbursements from Specific Funds, as annexed	.....	6,110.83	$87,767.41
Publicity	4,338.87	308.72	.....
The Foreign Missionary	3,266.93	.....	.....
Der Missionsbote	2,040.01	.....	.....
Slides Department Expense	1,093.11	.....	.....
Annuity Interest	1,107.50	.....	.....
Interest on Kodaikanal property loan...	750.00	.....	.....
Printing, Stationery and Office Supplies	1,435.76	.....	.....
Office Rental	1,000.00	.....	.....
Telephone and Telegraph	346.43	.....	.....
Postage and Expressage	716.55	.....	.....
Auditing	145.00	.....	.....
Africa Buildings	.....	2,352.98	.....

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	General Fund	Women's Missionary Society Fund	Other Funds
Membership in Committee of Reference and Counsel	$620.00	.....	.....
Assessment of Missionary Education Movement	370.00	.....	.....
Special Allowances, Gifts, etc.	650.00	10.00	.....
General Office Expense	81.00	.....	.....
Securities Purchased	.....	.....	25,890.84
	$429,220.40	$139,754.23	$113,658.25
Cash Disbursements	$682,632.88		
Loss on Sale of Securities	1,606.88		
Decline in value of Securities	8,019.24		
		$692,259.00	
Excess or Deficiency of Receipts	$47,207.85	$25,938.94	$25,816.59

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS.

for the Year Ended 31st July, 1922.

RECEIPTS.

	General Fund	Women's Missionary Society Fund	Other Funds
United Church	$393,458.42	$183,691.00	.....
Augustana and Danish Synods	28,895.98	.....	.....
Donations for specific purposes as annexed	.....	.....	$77,332.54
Donations for general purposes, including bequests	36,295.72	2,500.00	.....
Annuities	.....	.....	23,400.00
Interest on Investments	9,107.45	.....	.....
Bank Interest	2,127.69	.....	.....
The Foreign Missionary	2,902.17	.....	.....
Der Missionsbote	1,487.16	.....	.....
Income from rental of slides	365.39	.....	.....
Miscellaneous receipts	695.10	$10.00	.....
	$475,335.08	$186,201.00	$100,732.54
Cash Receipts	$740,393.39		
Securities received $24,150.00			
Less Securities sold 2,274.77			
	21,875.23		
		$762,268.62	
Budgets paid to Missions	$283,985.19	$119,826.92	
Salaries of Missionaries	71,383.68	35,134.31	
Salaries of Treasurer, Secretary and Board Representatives	9,075.00	.....	.....
Salaries of Clerks, Stenographers, etc.	4,039.00	.....	.....
Expenses of Missionaries, traveling to and from fields	34,238.41	7,132.75	.....

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	General Fund	Women's Missionary Society Fund	Other Funds
Expenses of Treasurer, Secretary and Board Representatives	$10,163.98	.....	.....
Expenses of Candidates and Missionaries on furlough	5,794.25	296.04	.....
Disbursements from Specific Funds, as annexed	.....	14,995.66	$11,296.19
Publicity	6,838.23	329.08	.....
The Foreign Missionary	4,909.10	.....	.....
Der Missionsbote	2,223.15	.....	.....
Slides Department Expense	32.16	.....	.....
Annuity Interest	1,565.00	.....	.....
Printing, Stationery and Office Supplies	1,001.39	.....	.....
Office Rental	1,000.00	.....	.....
Telephone and Telegraph	574.08	.....	.....
Postage and Expressage	969.87	.....	.....
Auditing	617.88	.....	.....
Africa Buildings	.....	16,690.24	.....
Membership in Committee of Reference and Counsel	1,630.00	.....	.....
Assessment of Missionary Education Movement, etc.	555.00	.....	.....
Special Allowance, Pensions, etc.	525.00	.....	.....
General Office Expense	185.25	.....	.....
Foreign Missionary Conference Expense	390.25	284.00	.....
	$441,695.87	$194,689.00	$11,296.19
Cash Disbursements	$667,218.56		
Less Securities Purchased	19,537.50		
		$647,681.06	
Excess or Deficiency of Receipts	$33,639.21	$8,488.00	$89,436.35

Balance Sheet, 31st July, 1922.

ASSETS.

Cash in banks	$125,161.41	
Investments, as annexed, at ledger values	173,810.91	
		$298,972.32

FUNDS.

Trust Funds, as annexed	$123,052.46	
Annuity Funds, as annexed	43,000.00	
Miscellaneous Funds, as annexed	200,730.93	
Women's Missionary Society Fund	24,638.96	
	$391,422.35	
General Fund, Overdraft, borrowed from Trust Funds	92,450.03	
		$298,972.32

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SECURITIES, 31st JULY, 1922.

		Book Values
$3,000	Philadelphia Suburban Gas & Electric Co., 3-year General Mortgage 6% Bonds, 1969	$2,910.00
4,000	Seaboard Air Line First Mortgage 4s, 1950	3,392.61
5,000	Atlantic Coast Line 4s, 1952	4,293.75
4,000	S. W. Missouri Railroad Co., Gen'l and Ref'g Mortgage 5s, 1931	4,080.00
1,000	Tri-City Railway & Light Co. First and Ref. 5s, 1930	1,000.00
1,000	United Rys. & Elec. Co. of Baltimore, 5%, Funding 1936	1,000.00
1,000	Oklahoma Ry. Co. 1st and Ref. Mtge. 5s, 1941	1,000.00
673.77	Asheville, N. C., 6% Note due 1923	673.77
2,000	Phila. Co. Cons. Mtge. & Coll. Ttr. 5s 1951	2,000.00
1,000	Quemahoning Creek Coal Co. 6% 1st Mtge. 1932	1,000 00
2,500	Electric & People's Traction 4% Stock Trust Ctf. 1945	2,500.00
1,000	Hotel Traymore Co. 1st Mtge. 6s 1927	1,000.00
1,000	Scranton Ry. Co. 1st Cons. Mtge. 5s 1932	1,000.00
1,000	Phila. Suburban Gas & Electric Co. 1st & Ref. Mtge. 5s 1960	1,000.00
2,000	Phila. Co. 1st Mtge. & Coll. Trust 5s 1949	2,000.00
3,500	National Gas, Elec. Light & Power Co. Coll. Tr. 6s 1931	3,500.00
1,400	Phila. Elec. Co. 1st Mtge. Sinking Fund 5s 1966	1,400.00
500	Nassau & Suffolk Lighting Co. 1st Mtge. 5s 1945	500.00
1,000	Rockford Gas Lt. & Coke 1st Cons. Mtge. 5s 1950	1,000.00
500	Altoona & Logan Valley Elec. Ry. 4½s 1933	500.00
4,000	Florida East Coast Ry. Co. 1st Mtge. 4½s 1959	3,950.00
12,000	Bell Telephone Co. of Pa. 1st & Ref. Mtge. 7s 1945	12,150.00
5,000	Atlantic Coast Line R. R. 10 yr. 7% Secured Gold Notes 1930	5,100.00
1,050	U. S. First Liberty Loan Conv. 4¼s	1,050.00
2,150	U. S. Second Liberty Loan Conv. 4¼s	2,150.00
3,300	U. S. Third Liberty Loan 4¼s	3,300.00
22,650	U. S. Fourth Liberty Loan 4¼s	21,213.40
1,150	U. S. Victory Liberty Loan 4¼s	1,150.00
10,000	Con. Gas Elect. Lt. & Pr. Co. of Baltimore 1st Ref. Mtge. 7% Interim Certs. 1921	9,775.00
1,000	Elk Horn Coal Corp. 10 yr. S. F. Mtge. Conv. 6s 1925	1,000.00
19,000	Maryland Elect. Ry. Co. 1st Mtge. 5s 1931	19,000.00
3,000	Kingdom of Denmark S. F. Ext. Loan 8s 1945	3,262.50
3	Shares Ohio Mutual Savings & Loan Co. 6% Stock Par $100	300.00
80	Shares Baltimore City 4% Stock Par $100	7,200.00
185	Shares American Hardware Corporation Par $100	18,500.00
13,500	First Mortgage on 601 Cathedral St., Baltimore, Md.	13,500.00
	Ground Rents on Properties at 920, 924, 1040 and 1042 W. Fayette St., Baltimore, Md.	4,959.88
4,000	Note of Mrs. W. J. Harper Due Dec. 30, 1921	4,000.00
6,000	Mtge. on 2511 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, Md.	6,000.00
500	Advance on Purchase of 18 E. Mt. Vernon Place, Baltimore, Md.	500.00
		$173,810.91

TRUST FUNDS, 31st JULY, 1922.

Teachers' and Preachers' Fund	$2,000.00
Scholarship Fund	500.00

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	Book Values
Day Memorial Fund	$1,215.14
August Wendt Fund	1,000.00
Eberhardt Fisher Bequest	1,775.00
Martin L. and Mary C. Hessong, Bequest	2,000.00
Charles S. Weiser, Bequest	1.000.00
J. B. Burgner, Bequest	400.00
Miss Clementine E. Sell, Bequest	500.00
Gilbert Memorial Fund	2,000.00
R. Ellie Harpster Fund	600.00
William J. Campbell Memorial Fund	300.00
William M. Baum Memorial Fund	2,000.00
Mrs. S. Zimmerman Fund	600.00
Trinity Church Scholarship Fund (Catasauqua, Pa.)	600.00
William J. McClenchan Fund	1,000.00
Marvin Woodruff Fund	1,000.00
Gettysburg College Fellowship Fund	500.00
Edmund D. Graff Missionary Fund	10,000.00
Dr. John Nicum Fund	5,248.12
Catherine Immel Fund	500.00
Legacy of Matilda C. Houser	2,500.00
Bequest of J. George Wagner	1,000.00
Bequest of Mrs. Mary A. Ratzel	2,000.00
Bequest of Rev. B. W. Schmauk	2,000.00
Gift of Unknown Donor	2,000.00
Legacy of Mary Wagner	1,000.00
Gift of Mrs. Malinda Pallatt	50.00
Gift of Rev. Prof. Dr. J. Fry	1,000.00
Bequest of Clara Schlegelmilch	1,000.00
Rev. John Schunk Memorial Fund	500.00
Weiskotten Memorial Fund	2,000.00
Legacy of Charlotte Swenson	900.00
William H. Trabert Foundation	500.00
Nellie L. Williams Fund	500.00
Legacy of Captain William M. Birely	18,500.00
W. E. Schaeffer Fund	4,750.00
St. Paul's Church Fund (Denver, Colo.)	500.00
Trabert Memorial Fund	500.00
Alleman Memorial Fund	1,000.00
Emma Cook Endowment Fund	1,000.00
Muhlenberg College Fellowship Fund	114.20
*India College Endowment Fund	45,000.00
	$123,052.46

*Transferred from Reformation Diamond Jubilee Advance Fund.

ANNUITY FUNDS, 31st JULY, 1922.

Minna Barth	$250.00
Emma C. Snyder	1,000.00
G. D. Bernheim and Amanda C. Bernheim	6,000.00
J. H. Rehder	1,000.00
Lewis D. Peeler	500.00
J. E. Cooper	2,500.00
Amanda C. Bernheim	2,000.00
M. Louisa Earnest	300.00

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Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Harroway	$2,000.00
Mrs. H. E. Monroe	500.00
George and Anna Haibeck	400.00
Mrs. Lavina Metzker	3,000.00
Jennie B. Angstadt	150.00
Fred and Maggie Mehring	20,000.00
Leonora Scheu	300.00
Rosa Scheu	200.00
Dr. and Mrs. Luther Kuhlman	1,000.00
Cath. S. and Clara V. Sadtler	500.00
Emma L. N. Boileau	500.00
E. Jessie N. Hoffman	500.00
S. A. Hedges	400.00
	$43,000.00

MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS

for the Year Ended 31st July, 1922.

India Seminary Building	$1,760.85
Japan Lutheran Theological Seminary	3,849.95
Japan Chapel	5,341.83
Japan Station Equipment	5,680.38
Japan Property (Keck Estate)	457.18
Japan Girls' School	582.78
Buenos Aires Station Equipment	8,492.94
China Famine Relief	163.67
Gettysburg Assembly Station, Africa	3,096.76
Holland Memorial Fund	2,577.63
New Kodaikanal Property	437.62
Muhlenberg Mission Equipment Fund	1,334.00
Quadri-Centennial Fund	9,172.52
Rajahmundry New Church	6,738.72
Reformation Diamond Jubilee Advance Fund	152,812.27
Silver Jubilee	2,540.42
Charlotte Swenson Memorial	170.88
Tarlupadu Hospital	3,751.61
New School at Ituni, S. A.	141.50
Brown Memorial	1,863.52
	$200,730.93

Philadelphia, August 28, 1922.

We have audited the accounts of the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Lutheran Church in America for the two years ended July 31, 1922, and we certify that the foregoing statements of

Receipts and Disbursements,
Balance Sheet,
Securities,
Trust Funds,
Annuity Funds,
Miscellaneous Funds,

are in accordance with the books of account and are correct.

LYBRAND, ROSS BROS. & MONTGOMERY,
Accountants and Auditors.

Respectfully submitted,
L. B. WOLF, *Treasurer.*

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In connection with the Report of the Board of Foreign Missions, that part of the Executive Board's Report (III, B, 2, c) referring to the United Christian College in India was read.

On motion of the Rev. George Drach, the privilege of the floor was granted, during the discussion of the Report of the Foreign Mission Board, to members of that Board who were not delegates to the Convention.

On motion the Rev. E. L. Coleman, returned missionary from India, addressed the Convention concerning the educational problems in India.

Resolution 1 was adopted and intercession was made for our Foreign Missionaries, the Rev. John Wagner leading in prayer; for the native Christian pastors, the Rev. E. H. Delk leading; for all our brethren in the field, the Rev. J. A. Singmaster leading; for non-Christians, the Rev. H. E. Jacobs, leading.

Resolution 2. The President ruled that the motion to adopt was not in order inasmuch as at a previous session of this Convention item 1 of the Financial Plan in the Report of the Executive Board (VIII, 6, (1) 1) had been adopted.

Dr. Drach moved to reconsider item 1.

The Chair ruled that a motion to reconsider item 1 having failed at a previous session a renewal of the motion was out of order and could not be put in case one member of the Convention should object.

Objection having been raised the motion to reconsider was declared out of order.

The Secretary thereupon asked whether this question of audits might not be discussed in connection with the item concerning audits in the Executive Board's Report which has not yet been adopted as a whole. On this question the President rules affirmatively.

Resolution 3. Adopted.

Resolution 4. Pending the discussion of this resolution, the Convention adjourned with prayer by the Rev. J. B. Focht.

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Afternoon Session

Friday, October 20th, 2:00.

The Rev. A. R. Wentz conducted Devotions.

The Minutes of Thursday morning session were read and approved.

The Secretary submitted the report as to the roll of the Convention as follows:

The roll as printed in the Bulletin is correct as to numbers. A number of alternates have been substituted for principals. In all there are 507 delegates; 489 are present.

All the Synods are represented with the exception of the Nova Scotia. Of the absentees 2 are of the Michigan Synod, 2 of the Wartburg Synod, 3 of the German Synod of Nebraska, 1 of the Mississippi Synod, 2 of the Kansas Synod, 1 of the North Carolina Synod, 1 of the Susquehanna Synod, 3 of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, 2 of the Nova Scotia Synod and 1 of the New York Synod.

On motion the Secretary was authorized to correct the roll in accordance with the statements presented in this report.

The fourth of the resolutions recommended by the Board of Foreign Missions, namely, that concerning Newspaper Evangelism was again taken up. During the discussion the Secretary presented a comparative statement of the contributions of the several denominations to this cause. On the motion to adopt this resolution the Rev. L. S. G. Miller, returned missionary from Japan, addressed the Convention. The resolution was adopted.

The fifth recommended resolution, concerning the China Mission, was adopted.

The Rev. Mr. Drach, Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, presented the following resolution.

Resolved, That the Board of Foreign Missions be and is hereby authorized to make a special appeal to the congregations for the sum of $300,000 in order to cancel its indebtedness and to provide means for imperative advanced work in our mission field.

The Rev. Wm. M. Horn moved that this resolution be referred to the Executive Board.

The Rev. J. S. Simon moved that the Executive Board be instructed to grant permission to the Foreign Mission Board. The Chair ruled this motion out of order in view of By-Laws Section V, subsection B, item 4. The Rev. Mr. Simon appealed from the decision of the Chair. A motion on the appeal was put resulting

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in the sustaining of the Chair's decision. The discussion continued upon the original motion, namely that the resolution be referred to the Executive Board.

The Rev. Theo. Posselt moved to amend the motion by adding the words "and that the Board report to this Convention." The amendment was unanimously carried.

The motion as amended was unanimously adopted.

The Report of the Board of Foreign Missions was adopted as a whole.

The Committee of Reference and Counsel reported the following recommendation:

That the By-Laws be amended by striking from the list of Standing Committees the name of the "Committee on Army and Navy Chaplains" and inserting therefor the "Committee on Army and Navy Work."

This was received as notification of an amendment to the By-Laws to be acted on at a later session during the Convention.

On motion of the Committee of Reference and Counsel a special order was adopted which was followed as here reported.

The Rev. H. C. Alleman, representative of the United Lutheran Church in America on the Advisory Board of the American Bible Society, presented his report.

REPORT OF REPRESENTATIVE IN THE ADVISORY BOARD OF THE AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

I beg to submit my second biennial report as the representative of The United Lutheran Church in the Advisory Board of the American Bible Society. This Board comprises the following denominations and representatives, so far as the appointments have been made:

Denomination	*Representative*
Church of the Brethren	Rev. A. C. Wieand, D.D., Chicago
Congregational	Rev. W. W. Scudder, D.D., New York City
Disciples of Christ	Rev. Stephen E. Fisher, Champaign, Ill.
Evangelical Association	
Augustana Synod, Lutheran	Rev. F. Jacobson, Brooklyn, N. Y.
African Methodist Episcopal	
African Methodist Episcopal Zion	Rev. W. C. Brown, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Colored Methodist Episcopal	Rev. S. B. Wallace, Jr., Philadelphia, Pa.
Methodist Episcopal	Bishop L. B. Wilson, New York City
Methodist Episcopal South	
Methodist Protestant	Rev. T. H. Lewis, D.D., Westminster, Md.
Moravian	Rev. Edward S. Wolle, New York City
Presbyterian, U. S. A.	Rev. A. E. Keigwin, New York City

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Denomination	*Representative*
Presbyterian, U. S.	Rev. Russell Cecil, D.D., Richmond, Va.
Cumberland Presbyterian	Rev. D. W. Fooks, Nashville, Tenn.
Reformed Presbyterian	Rev. Walter McCarroll, New York City
United Presbyterian	Rev. James Parker, Jersey City, N. J.
Protestant Episcopal	John W. Wood, D.C.L., New York City
Reformed Church in America	Rev. E. J. Blekkink, D.D., Holland, Mich.
Christian Reformed	Rev. L. Trap, Whitinsville, Mass.
Reformed Church in U. S.	Rev. W. S. Cramer, D.D., Lancaster, Pa.
Seventh-day Adventist	Rev. J. L. Shaw, Washington, D. C.
United Lutheran Church	Rev. H. C. Alleman, D.D., Gettysburg, Pa.

This Board meets annually in the month of November to consider the recommendations of the secretaries and the treasurer and submits its findings to the Board of Managers, with whom it is invited to sit throughout their consideration. Your representative was present at the meeting in November, 1921, at which time the following representatives were present: Revs. Wieand, Wolle, Keigwin, Cecil, Fooks, McCarroll, Blekkink, Cramer, Wood and Alleman. The estimated total budget for 1922 was $1,236,277, and the estimated income, $1,031,000. Of the latter amount but $400,000 will accrue from the business of the Bible House itself, while $300,000 is expected to come from the Churches. The Methodist Episcopal Church has led the way in placing the cause of the society in its budget of benevolence. The Reformed Church in America announced that it had done the same in the amount of 1%. This is really the asking of the society. When it is remembered that the society put the Bible on the market in 163 languages and dialects in 1921 and put over 4,000,000 copies of the Bible in circulation, the appeal seems reasonable. The American Bible Society is in the 107th year of its history. It was organized solely for the dissemination of the Scriptures and on this basis has done its monumental work. It is a generic institution and deserves the support of all Christian bodies. Your representative recommends,

First, that The United Lutheran Church be asked, through its Executive Board, to place the society in its budget for 1% of the benevolence of the Church; and,

Secondly, that The United Lutheran Church continue its representation in the Advisory Board.

Respectively submitted,

HERBERT C. ALLEMAN,
Representative of The United Lutheran Church.

In connection with the consideration of this report Dr. Alleman by provision of the special order addressed the Convention on the subject of Luther's translation of the New Testament, the 400th Anniversary of which event was celebrated in September of this year.

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Recommendation 1 of the report was adopted. Recommendation 2 adopted.

On recommendation of the Committee of Reference and Counsel it was moved and carried that immediately following Dr. Alleman's address the American Bible Society be given ten minutes. This also was carried out and Dr. Alleman introduced Mr. Frank H. Mann, Secretary of the American Bible Society, who addressed the Convention.

On recommendation of the same Committee it was moved and carried that presentation of the Report of the Committee on Women's Work and the hearing of the representative of the Women's Missionary Society be made a special order immediately following the close of the Report of the Home Mission Board tomorrow morning.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF NORTHWESTERN MISSIONS

In submitting the report of its operations during the last two years the Board of North Western Missions would first of all gratefully acknowledge both the material help as well as the brotherly co-operation of all parts of the Church, by which it has been greatly inspired and encouraged in the difficult task with which it has been entrusted by the United Lutheran Church. Like all bilingual activity the work of the Board calls for the very best of men and can be carried on successfully only, if the necessary patience is exercised and proper allowance made for existing conditions.

Meetings.

To save expenses the Board decided to meet only twice a year—in the spring and in the fall. In the interim all necessary business is transacted by its Executive Committee. All meetings are held in the committee room of Zion Lutheran Church, 125-131 Henry Street, Brooklyn, New York.

Election of Officers.

It is stipulated in the charter, which was granted by the legislature of the Empire State, that the annual meeting must be held in New York on the 10th of November. At this meeting the officers are elected every other year, after the convention of the United Lutheran Church.

The present officers are the following: President, E. C. J. Kraeling, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Vice President, C. W. Knudten, D.D., Chicago, Ill.; Recording Secretary, G. A. Benze, D.D., Erie, Pa.; Treasurer, H. D. E. Siebott, Philadelphia, Pa.

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These four officers together with Mr. Martin Wulff, Mt. Vernon, New York, constitute the Executive Committee. The Rev. P. Ludwig, Barrington, New Jersey—a member of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania—is the salaried field or general secretary of the Board.

The General Secretary.

While not a member of the Board the General Secretary is present at all meetings both of the Board as well as of the Executive Committee—attends meetings of Synods in order to present our work; visits the different mission fields, whenever that is necessary or desirable and gives all available information to the Board or its President as may be required.

Mission Paper.

"Siloah" has been for more than thirty years the official organ of the Board. The following constitute the Editorial Committee: E. C. J. Kraeling, Editor-in-Chief; C. R. Tappert, P. Ludwig, G. H. Wiencke. Its agent has been Ph. Kirchner. It is printed by Bartels & Dersch, P. O. Box 566, Reading, Pa., and appears monthly in 4,000 copies. It is self-sustaining.

Mission Superintendents.

The Board has at present three salaried Mission Superintendents: the Rev. H. Becker, Manitoba Synod; the Rev. G. H. Wiencke, Nebraska Synod; the Rev. O. Doering, Wartburg Synod.

Three more capable men than these could hardly be found. In the other two Synods—the Synod of Canada and the Synod of Texas—the work is carried on by a Synodical Mission Committee without a salaried superintendent.

Quarterly Reports.

By means of the quarterly parochial reports, issued by the Board sent to all missionaries in order to be filled out and returned to the Board by mission superintendents or secretaries of the synodical mission committee, the Board is enabled to keep in close touch with the conditions prevailing in the different mission fields and parishes and can base its action in every single instance on the most explicit and reliable information. These reports are received by the President of the Board, who after examining them turns them over to the general secretary to be tabulated and filed for reference.

Our Field.

At the present time the Board has under its care all mission work in the Manitoba Synod, the Canada Synod, the Nebraska Synod, the Wartburg Synod and the Texas Synod. It also provides for a few congregations connected with the Pacific Synod, which were entrusted to it originally by the Michigan Synod.

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Mission Work in the Manitoba Synod.

As the Manitoba Synod covers the three provinces—Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta—and is divided into three conferences named after these provinces an idea can be formed of the magnitude of our task especially if it is remembered that these three provinces cover an area of nearly 800,000 square miles.

It was at the suggestion of the Canada Synod that work was commenced in Manitoba about thirty-five years ago by the Rev. H. C. Schmieder. Out of this small beginning has grown the present Manitoba Synod, which celebrated its twenty-fifth jubilee, July 20 to the 24, 1922, in Winnipeg.

Surely nobody will ask in the face of these facts, whether the results justify the sacrifices which have been brought by the Church during all these years; and we may say without fear of being contradicted, that if the church had spent three times the amount of money and had more amply provided for the necessary men the Manitoba Synod would be almost in sole possession of the field today and would be strong enough to provide for its own mission work.

In the Manitoba conference we have ten mission congregations and three preaching places; these are: Gretna, Rosenfeld, Thalberg, Grunewald, Camper, Moosehorn, Ashern, Schevlin, Niverville, Friedensfeld, Dresden, Snowflake, Osnabrock.

These last three are situated in the State of North Dakota. Five missionaries are stationed here and take care of this vast field. The number of souls is 1,700.

In the Saskatchewan conference we have eleven mission congregations. They are: Esk-Guernsey, Eigenheim, Saskatoon, Rosthern, Bergheim, Elbourne, Serath, Hubbard, Goodeve, Luseland.

Here eight missionaries are stationed. The number of souls is 1,400.

In the Alberta Conference we have eight mission congregations and one preaching place. They are: Edmonton, Vegreville, Strathcona, Wiste, New Sarepta, Hay Lake, Heimtal, Rosenthal, Stettler.

Here four missionaries are stationed. The number of souls is 1,500.

In this report the names of those congregations which in the course of time have become self-sustaining are not mentioned.

Prospects.

Our Mission Superintendent, the Rev. H. Becker, of whom we cannot speak too highly, expresses the hope that quite a few congregations will soon become self-sustaining. When the present immigration laws will be changed, which may come about sooner than generally expected, wonderful opportunities will present themselves to the Manitoba Synod, for which it must make ample provision and the time to do that is *now*.

The College at Saskatoon.

Before the Washington Convention of the United Lutheran Church the name "Saskatoon" was almost unknown. Who had ever heard of it! And

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yet we had a college here—a Lutheran college and the Northwestern Mission Board had supported that college ever since its beginning, realizing that it was absolutely necessary to the future wants and growth of our church in that distant region.

True we have received and will receive many of our best workers and leaders from Kropp. Without that great institution (now Brecklum-Kropp) to which we are under great obligations the Board of Northwestern Missions would have been helpless and the rise of the Manitoba Synod impossible.

As our work, however, is becoming more and more bilingual in character and as in the course of time the English language will become more and more predominant, we must see to it that we train young men, born on the soil, the sons of our Pastors and Missionaries, or other Lutheran boys, for the ministry, to fill the vacancies later on and to start new work, wherever necessary. Not only the Manitoba Synod or the Northwestern Mission Board or the Board of Education but the whole Church must take cognizance of that. The faculty of Saskatoon College at present consists of three professors, and the Rev. H. W. Harms is the director.

Mission Work in the Canada Synod.

Up to the time of the Washington Convention all mission work in its territory was carried on by the Canada Synod itself without any help either from the former General Council or the United Lutheran Church. This shows that the Canada Synod, though numerically not a large body, brought great sacrifices for that particular work. Up to the time of the World War there had been a steady influx of immigrants and for many of these mission congregations the future seemed to be very bright indeed. When, however, the war broke out in August, 1914, this stream of immigration did not only dwindle down but ceased altogether, and as a natural result the growth of many of these congregations was arrested and some of them almost before they could realize it found themselves on the down grade! This will of course be quite different when conditions again right themselves and a new immigration sets in.

Under the supervision of the Synodical Mission Committee and with the help of the Northwestern Mission Board the work is being continued and there is all reason to hope that some time or other the tide will turn again.

The following are the names of the mission congregations:

(1) Chesley, Wiarton;
(2) Armprior, Northcote;
(3) Ladysmith, Schwartz;
(4) Grattan, Silverlake, Sebastopol;
(5) East Zorra, Plattsville;
(6) Massey;
(7) Ranhein, Bethlehem, Bonchere;
(8) Palmer Rapids, Raglan, Denbigh, Maynooth, together with two preaching places, Quadeville and Bangor.

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These eight parishes are served by eight missionaries. As the distances in some of these parishes between the different congregations are abnormally great, the task of these missionaries is by no means an easy one, especially during the long cold Canadian winter months.

Two preaching places should be mentioned yet—Port Elgin and Auburn—which, however, have no missionary of their own but are taken care of by a neighboring Pastor. In three of the parishes the English language is used together with the German.

Our Work in the Nebraska Synod.

Under the able guidance of the Rev. G. K. Wiencke, Superintendent of Missions since 1918, who has traveled in that time almost 50,000 miles and has himself organized many congregations, the work in Nebraska has made very good progress. While in 1920 there were 20 mission congregations served by 13 missionaries, we now have 23 mission congregations and one preaching place, served by 16 missionaries. Twelve of these are in Nebraska, one in South Dakota, four in Colorado, three in Northwestern Texas, two in Oklahoma, one in Kansas. The value of the Church property of all these is $97,020. The debt is $13,008. Of the four new congregations organized during that time ,three have joined the Synod: St. Luke's, West Kendrich, Colo.; Immanuel, Lodge Pole, Neb.; St. Paul's, East Kendrich, Colo. The cornerstone was laid for two new Churches in the cities of Baziae, Kan., and Lodge Pole, Neb.

The total number of Communicants is 1,240.

In the Sunday Schools there are 716 children. The Young People's Societies have 203 members. The Ladies' Aid Societies 176 members. $10,939.96 was paid in for the maintenance of the Church property, $7,700 toward the salaries of missionaries, $2,596.14 for benevolent purposes.

In almost all of these congregations, with the exception of a few German Mission country congregations, the English language is used alongside of the German language in the Sunday Schools, the Young People's Societies and in the evening services. Some of them have introduced the English language in the morning service.

During the summer months of this year the Mission Superintendent was visiting the Northeastern part of Montana with the object of gathering in the German Lutherans, who, according to reports received, are said to be quite numerous there.

Martin Luther Seminary in Lincoln, Nebraska.

In this Seminary, which fills a great need of the Church and is the property of the German Nebraska Synod, 15 students are preparing for the ministry. Inasmuch as they are all unable to provide for their own support the Board of Northwestern Missions has given them stipends and in that way made it possible for them to continue their studies which otherwise they would have been forced to abandon. All of them have solemnly pledged themselves to serve our Board for a number of years

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as soon as they are ordained. The faculty consists of three professors, and the Rev. F. Wupper, D.D., is the Director.

Our Work in the Wartburg Synod.

On the first of April, 1921, the Rev. Otto Doering, formerly Pastor of St. John's, Napoleon, Ill., was called as Superintendent of Missions for the Wartburg Synod. Under his energetic direction excellent progress has been made. Of the twelve mission congregations, which are under his especial care, four were organized during the last war.

The list of congregations is as follows:

Tabor, Chicago; St. Paul, Chicago; Friedens, Chester; St. Johannis, Chicago; Wartburg, Chicago; Martin Luther, Chicago; St. Paulus, Burr Oak; Salems, McConnell; Mt. Clare, Chicago; St. Paul's, Guttenberg; Christus, Cullman; Friedens, Chicago.

These twelve mission congregations number 1,413 baptized and 822 confirmed members. They are served by eleven missionaries. They have seven Churchs, three Chapels, two Parsonages, representing a value of $65,000, with a total debt of $23,670.

In the twelve Sunday Schools 89 men and women teach 1,010 scholars. In the 27 societies, either Young People's Societies, Men's, Ladies' or Mission Societies, there are 613 members.

Since the last meeting of the United Lutheran Church, 668 baptized and 381 confirmed members have been added. Work has also been commenced in a number of promising preaching places.

It will be noted that special attention has been paid to mission work in Chicago, for of the twelve mission congregations seven are situated in that metropolis of the West, certainly a wonderful record.

Some Details.

1. Ev. Luth. Tabor Congregation, Maplewood Avenue, Chicago, Ill., was organized in 1909 but made little progress. As soon as under the present Pastor the German language was introduced besides the English since 1921, it commenced to grow rapidly, 120 souls having been added in one year.

2. Ev. Luth. St. Paulus Congregation, corner Dickens and Lawler Avenues, Chicago, Ill., organized 1912, is bound to have a good future as it is the only German English Lutheran congregation in the Craigen districts.

3. Ev. Luth. Friedens Congregation, Chester, Ill., organized 1907, Chester is a county seat and a typically Western and growing city. Services are held in both languages.

4. Ev. Luth. St. Johannis Congregation, Argyle and Laramie Avenues, Chicago, Ill., organized by the Congregationalists in 1914, became Lutheran in 1916, being composed mostly of Lutherans, i. e., German and Russians. So far the work is almost exclusively German and very successful, seventy-five having been added in a short time.

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5. Ev. Luth. Wartburg Congregation, Berwyn, Ill., Southwest Chicago, has grown from 50 in 1921 to 136; the work there is bilingual and very promising.

6. Martin Luther Congregation, Narragansett Avenue, Chicago, Ill. (Douning), founded in 1918, has had a hard struggle in the past but is now looking toward a brighter future. Not long ago $500 was paid off on the mortgage.

7. Ev. Luth. St. Paulus Congregation, Burr-Oak, Iowa, composed of Norwegians and German farmers, has a good church parsonage and three acres of land. It received once from the Church Extension Society $225 but has still a debt of $5,345.

8. Ev. Luth. Salem Congregation, McConnell, Ill., organized on May 1, 1922, by the Mission Superintendent, has a church and cemetery free of debt. This field had been given up by the Home Mission Board as unprofitable, but has a good future now.

9. Ev. Luth. Church, Mt. Clare, Nordica and Palmers Streets, Chicago, Ill., organized 1920, has a nice chapel and building, lot 200x200 valued at about $14,000. It has 30 contributing members, 25 in Sunday School, 30 in Young People's Societies. It has a large debt: Humboldt Park Bank $4,500, Northwestern Mission Board $3,000, Mr. W. Heim $1,700, Mr. Pohly $1,500. The services are held mostly in the English language. The location is of special strategic value to the United Lutheran Church.

10. St. Paulus Ev. Luth Congregation, Guttenberg, Iowa, organized in the fall of 1921 by the Superintendent, has now 126 contributing members. More than half of this number had first to be instructed, baptized and confirmed; only four or five families came from other churches.

One member, a lawyer and Mayor of the town, gave up his office in order to be able to lend more of his time to Church work. The town is situated on the bank of the Mississippi and the prospects are excellent.

11. Ev. Luth. Christus Congregation, Cullman, Ala., was organized by the Mission Superintendent in February, 1922, with 104 members. There is every reason to expect that this congregation will have a great future, provided that the Church Extension Society will come to its aid with a handsome sum of about $10,000. The members, both old and young people, are bringing big sacrifices.

12. Ev. Luth. Friedens Congregation, corner Wood and Iowa Streets, Chicago, Ill., will have a better prospect if it can change its location. Its Church property to the value of $5,000 is free of debt.

Our Work in Texas.

From the time the Rev. E. F. Bachmann, D.D., visited this field the work in the Texas Synod has received a new impetus. It can be divided into three parts. The first of these comprises the older mission congregations. In the second are found the congregations and preaching places, which have been added in the last biennium and in the last all such places

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where preliminary work has either been done already or is to be done in the near future.

A—The Older Congregations.

1. Trinitatis Congregation, Miles, Texas, has an average attendance of 70 to 100. There are 34 confirmed members, 60 scholars in the Sunday School. Services are held mostly in the German language. The Church has a seating capacity of 150.

2. First Lutheran Church, Tivoli, Texas, consists of 19 confirmed and 53 baptized members. In the Sunday School there are 16 children. Services are held in a rented hall, partly in the English, partly in the German language.

3. Emmanuel Congregation, Inez, Texas, with a membership of 45, has no Church building. Services are held in a so-called "Union Church." The English language is used altogether.

4. A preaching place, Bloomington, Texas. Though at present there are very few Lutherans at this place, it would be poor policy to give it up, as oil may be found and the experience of Wichita Falls might repeat itself, where a town of 8,000 inhabitants was changed into a thriving city of 40,000 inhabitants in a few months. Service is held once a month.

B—New Congregations.

5. St. Johannes Congregation, Goliad, Texas, has a membership of 142 baptized and 83 confirmed members. There are 54 scholars in the Sunday School. The German language is used principally, but one service in the month is conducted in the English language.

6. Friedens Congregation, Vernon, Texas, has built a Church costing $3,000 which was dedicated on the 25th of June this year. Twelve families have joined so far and the average Sunday attendance at the service is about 125.

7. Preaching place, George West, Texas. So far no congregation has been organized yet. About 44 baptized and 15 confirmed have visited the services. "Mr. George West has given the Mission Committee of the Texas Synod a whole city block as a present," writes Rev. E. A. Sievert.

8. Preaching place, Alice, Texas. No congregation yet but the prospects are good. About 48 baptized and 38 confirmed came to the service.

9. Preaching place, Corpus Christi, Texas. A beautiful city. So far no congregation has been organized here, but services are held regularly. About 25 baptized and 11 confirmed members take part in them.

C—Prospective Fields.

Orange Grove (preaching place), Ballenger (preaching place), Mission—Donna, Sinton, San Angelo (canvassed already), Boerne, New Braunfels, Fort Bend County, Port Arthur. For the last places a traveling missionary has just been called.

All mission work is done by four missionaries, however more are needed, if we want to cover the field properly. True, the congregations are comparatively quite small, but they will grow in time.

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Work in the Pacific Synod.

Camas, Wash.—This congregation has a small church and parsonage. It has 64 baptized, 32 confirmed and 25 contributing members.

Aurora, Ore. (Macksburg)—The baptized number 102, confirmed 72, contributing 25. It has a small church and parsonage.

At Oregon City, Ore., there is a congregation, which has its own Pastor; also at Medford, Ore.

All these congregations are under the special supervision of the Rev. F. W. Bussard, President of the Pacific Synod.

Mexico.

Through official channels the attention of the Northwestern Mission Board has been called to a new field, where possibly great opportunities are awaiting us—Mexico.

There are many Lutherans in some of the larger cities, mostly German Lutherans, who have no Churches and no Pastors to look after them.

There is also a possibility, and by no means a remote one, that before long many German Russians (Lutherans) will leave Russia and settle in Mexico, somewhat after the manner in which the Menonites have left Canada and have settled in Mexico.

One of their representatives, Prof. Gloeckler, having just returned from a tour of investigation, and after a conference with the Mexican authorities which had impressed him very favorably has written a report that was transmitted to us, in which he urges the United Lutheran Church to take up the work among the German Lutherans in Mexico without delay.

Invoking the blessings of God upon our Dear Church and its convention at Buffalo, I have the honor to be in behalf of the Northwestern Mission Board.

E. C. J. Kraeling,
President of the Board.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF NORTHWESTERN MISSIONS

CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

for the Year ended 31st July, 1921.

Receipts.

	Mission Fund	Church Building Fund	Siloah Fund
United Church, on Apportionment	$27,110.56	$.....	$.....
United Church, Specials	1,068.49	.....	.....
United, General and Branch Synods	973.54	.....	.....
Women's Missionary Society	125.00	.....	.....
Donations for Saskatoon College	2,486.69	.....	.....
Donations for Lincoln Seminary	100.00	.....	.....
General Donations	78.88	113.35	.....
Repayment of Loans	.....	500.00	.....
Subscriptions for Siloah	.....	.....	428.98
Subscriptions for Der Treue Zeuge	.....	.....	100.00

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Interest on Mortgage	.....	$152.50	.....
Bank Interest	$222.73	.....	.....
	$32,165.89	$765.85	$528.98

DISBURSEMENTS.

Salaries of Missionaries	$17,948.69	$.....	$.....
Salaries of District Superintendents	3,683.32	.....	.....
Salary of General Secretary	2,300.00	.....	.....
Expenses of Missionaries	1,862.50	.....	.....
Expenses of District Superintendents	311.30	.....	.....
Expenses of General Secretary	769.48	.....	.....
Expenses of Officers and Board Members	1,929.90	.....	.....
Manitoba Synod for College Professorships	4,183.33	.....	.....
Aid to Students preparing for Mission Field	1,436.25	.....	.....
Special Donations, forwarded	2,661.69	.....	.....
Legal and Auditing Expense	470.50	.....	.....
Printing and Stationery	49.50	.....	.....
Interest on Loans paid to Churches	174.00	.....	.....
Bank charges, exchange, etc.	38.22	.....	.....
Printing and Mailing Siloah	.....	.....	784.00
Printing and Mailing Der Treue Zeuge	.....	.....	121.00
Editorial and Office Expense	.....	.....	22.00
	$37,818.68	.....	$927.00
Excess of Receipts	.....	$765.85	.....
Deficit of Receipts	$5,652.79	.....	$398.02
Balances, July 31, 1920	7,633.34	7,319.78	.....
Deficit, July 31, 1920	.....	.....	12.22
Balances, July, 31, 1921	1,699.01	8,085.63	.....
Deficit, July 31, 1921	.....	.....	128.70

CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

for the Year ended 31st July, 1922

RECEIPTS.

	Mission Fund	Church Building Fund	Siloah Fund
United Church, on Apportionment	$29,166.29	$.....	$.....
United Church, Specials	3,595.14	.....	.....
United, General and Branch Synods	631.36	.....	.....
Board of Education, Saskatoon College Campaign Funds, forward	14,312.09	.....	.....
Donations for Saskatoon College	117.00	.....	.....
Donation for Kropp Seminary	50.00	.....	.....
General Donations	39.00	.....	.....
Repayment of Loans	.....	400.00	.....
Subscriptions for Siloah	.....	.....	208.38
Subscriptions for Der Treue Zeuge	.....	.....	105.50
Interest on Mortgage	.....	145.00	.....
Bank Interest	176.14	.....	.....
Bank Loans	7,000.00	.....	.....
	$55,087.02	$545.00	$313.88

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DISBURSEMENTS.

Salaries of Missionaries	$25,203.29	.....	.....
Salaries of District Superintendents	4,600.00	.....	.....
Salary of General Secretary	2,600.00	.....	.....
Expenses of Missionaries in the field	$1,577.82	.....	.....
Expenses of Missionaries moving	613.88	.....	.....
Expenses of District Superintendents	554.45	.....	.....
Expenses of General Secretary	442.44	.....	.....
Expenses of Officers and Board Members	526.99	.....	.....
Manitoba Synod for College Professorships	4,333.33	.....	.....
Aid to Students preparing for Mission Field	2,915.00	.....	.....
Special Donations, forwarded	194.00	.....	.....
Legal and Auditing Expense	250.00	.....	.....
Printing and Stationery	26.25	.....	.....
Interest on Loans paid to Churches	468.00	.....	.....
Interest on Bank Loans	355.95	.....	.....
Bank charges, exchange, etc	141.01	.....	.....
Printing and Mailing Siloah	.....	.....	$716.00
Printing and Mailing Der Treue Zeuge	.....	.....	88.00
Editorial and Office Expense	.....	.....	25.49
Loans to Congregations and Missionaries	60.00	4,650.00	.....
Mission Handbook	183.75	.....	.....
Saskatoon College Campaign Funds, forwd.	8,642 09	.....	.....
	$53,688.25	$4,650.00	$829.49
Excess of Receipts	$1,398.77	.....	.....
Deficiency of Receipts	.....	$4,105.00	$515.61
Balances, July 31, 1921	1,699.01	8,085.63	.....
Deficit, July 31, 1921	.....	.....	128.70
Balances, July 31, 1922	3,097.78	3,980.63	.....
Deficit, July 31, 1922	.....	.....	644.31

BALANCE SHEET, 31st July, 1922.

ASSETS.

Cash—In banks	$6,289.10	
On hand	145.00	
		$6,434.10
Loans—To Congregations and Saskatoon College, as annexed	$20,325.00	
To Missionary	60.00	
		$20,385.00
Building Lot in Harriman, Tenn., assessed value		180.00
		$26,999.10

LIABILITIES.

Loans from Bank	$7,000.00

FUNDS.

Mission Fund	$1,566.91		
Saskatoon College Campaign Fund	5,670.00		
Church Building Fund	13,406.50		
	$20,643.41		
Less Siloah Fund Deficit	644.31	19,999.10	
			$26,999.10

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OUTSTANDING LOANS OF CHURCH BUILDING FUND.

July 31st, 1922.

Trinity, Saskatoon, Mortgage		$2,900.00
Trinity, Strathcona, two notes:		
$1,000 due November 15, 1918	$1,000.00	
$2,000 installment notes of $200 each, due annually on April 1st, three paid, seven left	1,400.00	
		2,400.00
St. John's, Edmonton, Mortgage		1,500.00
St. John's, Harts Hill, two installment notes, $100 each, due January 2		200 00
Gartenland, Saskatoon, Canada, two notes:		
$200 due November 24, 1914; paid on account December 28, 1915, $75; balance	$125.00	
$100 due March 25, 1916	100.00	
		225.00
Friedens, Kindersley, Cornfeld, Canada, one note:		
$100 due April 24, 1917; paid on account April 30, 1918, $25; balance		75.00
St. Paul's, Friedensfeld, Canada, ten installment notes of $50 each, due annually on July 1st, three overdue		500.00
Brightholme, Canada, ten installment notes of $50 each, due annually on September 1st, two overdue		500.00
Golden Bay, Canada, ten installment notes of $100 each, due annually on July 1, one paid, one overdue, balance		900.00
Saskatoon College, two notes:		
$1,000 due March 22, 1916; paid on account April 3, 1918, $300; paid on account July 14, 1919, $225; balance due	$475.00	
$6,000 dated July 15, 1920; term indefinite	6,000.00	
		6,475.00
Mont Clare, Chicago, ten installment notes of $200 each, due annually on September 6th	$2,000.00	
Ten installment notes of $100 each, due annually October 24	1,000.00	
		3,000.00
Rosenthal, Leduc, Canada, two installment notes of $75 each, due annually on January 1st; first due 1923		150.00
Immanuel Church, Lodge Pole, Nebraska, ten installment notes of $150 each, due annually on March 15; first due 1925		1,500.00
Total		$20,325.00

H. D. E. SIEBOTT,
Treasurer.

Philadelphia, 30th August, 1922.

We have audited the accounts of the Board of Northwestern Missions for the two years ended 31st July, 1922, and we certify that the foregoing

Balance Sheet, 31st July, 1922,

Receipts and Disbursements for the Two Years ended 31st July, 1921 and 1922,

Outstanding Loans of Church Building Fund, 31st July, 1922,

are in accordance with the books of account and are correct.

LYBRAND, ROSS BROS. & MONTGOMERY,
Accountants and Auditors.

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After the President of the Board, the Rev. E. C. J. Kraeling, had addressed the Convention he read the following appeal presented in the name of the Board.

The Board of Northwestern Missions prays for immediate relief.

1. It respectfully asks the United Lutheran Church to find ways and means whereby this year's deficit of $11,784.54, which will amount to nearly $25,000.00 by January, 1924, when the new budget will go into effect, will be provided for.

2. It respectfully asks the United Lutheran Church to consent to an increase in the budget of the Northwestern Mission Board from $50,000.00 per annum to $83,000.00 per annum, to be divided in the following way:

$50,000.00 for our old work.
$7,500.00 for work in Nebraska.
$7,500.00 for work in Wartburg Synod.
$4,000.00 for work in Canada.
$4,000.00 for work in Texas.
$5,000.00 for work among Siebenburger Lutherans. (In case that work is turned over to us.)
$5,000.00 for work in Mexico. (In case we are authorized to commence work there.)

3. It respectfully asks the United Lutheran Church to authorize the Board of Northwestern Missions to take up the work in Mexico without delay.

On motion the appeal was referred to the Executive Board with power to act.

The Report of the Northwestern Mission Board was adopted as a whole.

The Rev. Mr. Stough, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, reported nominations for the following Boards:

Board of Education
Parish and Church School Board
Board of Publication

The nominations for the several Boards were adopted and the report was adopted as a whole.

The Report of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension was taken up and the President of the Board, the Rev. J. E. Whitteker, addressed the Convention and asked permission for the hearing of the several District Superintendents. Thereupon the Rev. I. C. Hoffman of the Eastern District and the Rev. A. D. R. Hancher of the Southern District were heard.

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

In formulating its Second Biennial Report to the United Lutheran Church, the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension aims to present, in addition to the usual tabulated statements, a series of facts which shall make evident the plan and spirit according to which it operates and which, it is hoped, may sooner or later result in new alignments. The development of a work of any sort demands readjustments, from time to time, to meet changing conditions. In all composites, it is the frozen and the fossilized that keep their original shape. The organism that does not grow, decays and dies. And with the ever changing elements that are peculiar to our Church organism, there must be a vision of new possibilities, and a persistency of purpose for their attainments, if we are to fill to the full the sphere of our appointed service. A Forward Movement is essential to every enterprise—not spasmodic, much less erratic—but natural and normal, that these possibilities may be transformed into living and thriving realities.

1. With a field that covers a continent, it is no small task to meet the urgent demands pressing from every point. As is natural, the eye, set on local wants, would make its horizon the limit of the Board's activities; at least, it would claim precedence over all else. A thousand such places may call for immediate assistance, while scarcely a hundred can receive it. What shall be done? It takes more than a toss-up to decide. The leading centers of each district must be canvassed with scrupulous care, and those that give promise of the surest results must be given the preference. Besides, the location must be a strategic one. As is evident, it requires a keen sense and a comprehensive knowledge to discriminate. And the Board is not satisfied till it has the combined judgment—and a unanimous one—of District Superintendents, Synodical Superintendents and Mission Committees; then it takes their findings, carefully reviews the same, and, if found feasible, it pledges sufficient financial support to launch each new enterprise aright. The great aim is to make the mission strong and stable from the start. The Board has planted a number of such Mission—north, south, east and west—with gratifying results.

2. It gives the Board pleasure to record the fine functioning and splendid service of all its missionary forces. There is no overlapping of agencies; each has its distinct sphere. And these combined are adequate. The superiority of our system lies in the fact that there is a chain of agencies from the General Office to the most distant mission point. In considering any particular application for aid, the Board has the recommendation of the Synodical Superintendent and the Synodical Mission Committee, with the added judgment and endorsement of the District Superintendent. Each case is decided on its own merits and the decision is based upon the presentation of official representatives who have visited

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the field and studied it in consultation with the missionary and his people. A Mission on the Pacific Coast is in as direct touch with the Board as is a Mission within a stone's cast of the General Office. The location of the Board, therefore, has no bearing on the case. It is the agencies, and the efficiency of the agencies, that counts in every instance. It is not so much a question of latitude or longitude, as of methods and of men to make the methods effective.

3. There have been repeated calls for Church Extension Loans by certain other Home Mission Units of the United Lutheran Church. The question which has puzzled the Board is this: Can the Board consistently make loans to missions in whose management it has neither voice nor vote? In considering this question, your Board expressed it as its judgment that it should have complete oversight of the missions to which its loans are made. The United Lutheran Church, however, at its last convention, placed all its other Home Missions on a plane with the Missions which our Board operates, in the matter of Church Extension Loans. In reply to the Resolution offered by Dr. Klutz (see Min. 1920, p. 220), the Board finds, upon examination, that there is nothing in its Constitution which would prevent it from assisting, with its Church Extension Funds, Home Mission projects that are under the immediate direction of these related Boards. It will therefore deal with all such Missions as it does with those directly under its care. But the Board is unanimous in its judgment that it has no right to divert any of the funds, entrusted to it by the Church, to Missions which are not formally committed to the United Lutheran Church. As to the use of the Church Extension Fund, the Board realizes that if it should be confined to the Missions which the Home Mission and Church Extension Board plants, every other such Board would find it necessary to have its own Church Extension Fund; and that would cause a confusion of interests, a duplication of effort, and a corresponding weakening in results. The Board feels constrained, at this point, to emphasize once more the position it took at the outstart. In its judgment, the United Lutheran Church should have but one Home Mission Board in this western hemisphere. That Board should include men who are conversant with Home Mission work in all its phases; and it should appoint, from its number, Executive Committees to manage its different special interests. One Board would thus take the place of three or more. In that event, the overhead charges would be reduced to a minimum, and there would be a unification of forces and a simplification of processes that would harmonize all possible conflicting interests, become a Mission melting-pot for our various nationalities, and insure the normal and uniform development of all our Home Mission Enterprises. The Board, however, does not make this an issue, it simply refers to it as something that should take shape in the ultimate.

4. The problem of men and means is ever-perplexing as well as ever-present. It is, indeed, the one that worries. The field is so extensive;

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the opportunities are so abundant; the demands are so urgent and insistent, that heralds should go forth everywhere and cry aloud to our people that they consecrate their sons and their substance for the extension of the Kingdom of our Christ by a great Missionary Movement. We dare not continue to live at the old dying rate. The effort must be adequate to the enterprise. If the Board is compelled to measure its work by the stated contributions of the Churches, special gifts will decrease and the work will decline. A few years have wrought great changes in Mission Accounts. We must now advance ten thousand dollars where one thousand would once cover the needs of a given case. Our missionaries must now pay in rent what they once needed for their entire support. The Board has, indeed, been able to meet all expenses, with a small balance to its credit; but it has done so at the expense of the cause it has been appointed to advance. There has, indeed, been progress, and that in a marked degree; but the opportunities have far outstripped our activities. And if the appropriation the Board receives is kept down to the low level to which it has been brought and unexpected inroads are made upon its income, the vast fields, ripe unto the harvest, will suffer because there is no one to thrust in the sickle. The Board has no resources except those which the Church furnishes; it has no avenue of approach to our people. It must, therefore, appeal to the Body which commissions it, to set in operation such plans, or authorize it to adopt such measures, as shall enable it to do the whole work which our Church, by her very principles, is pledged to inaugurate and enlarge. In the army of the Lord, a little one shall chase a thousand, while two shall put ten thousand to flight. Double the Board's resources, and the Board will gather a tenfold harvest.

5. The following Reports of the District Superintendents make plain the worth of their services. In the administration of their office, they have saved the Church several-fold the amount of their salaries. This has been made possible, not only because of good business management but, as well, because of the hearty co-operation of Synodical Superintendents and Mission Committees, coupled with the faithful service of our missionaries and the loyal support of their people. It is the moulding of these forces into one large unit that has made possible their evident successes.

Eastern District.

Rev. I. Chantry Hoffman, D.D., Superintendent.

The Eastern District rejoices in the manifest tokens of Divine blessing and in the cordial and constructive co-operation of all interested in the administration of the work of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.

1. A Goodly District.

(a) *Geographically,* it extends from the Eastern part of Ohio to the Atlantic Ocean; and from the Southern boundary of Pennsylvania north-

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ward to the North Pole. It embraces the Middle Atlantic and New England States; the Ontario, Quebec and Maritime provinces of the Dominion of Canada. These two great countries join hands and hearts for the Christian conquest of the Continent.

"They are not one, and yet not two;
But look alike, as sisters do."

(b) *Historically,* it contains the sacred shrines of Lutheran beginnings made by our ancestors from many nations; and these well established landmarks are an inspiration to all who contemplate the consecration of those who laid firm and strong the foundations of Evangelical Lutheranism in America.

(c) *Synodically,* it includes the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, New York Ministerium, the Synods of New York and New England, New York, Pittsburgh, East Pennsylvania, Alleghany, Central Pennsylvania, West Pennsylvania, Susquehanna, Central Canada and Nova Scotia.

2. Spying Out.

Local, Synodical and sectional surveys have been made. Though partial, they show much to be possessed. A number of new fields, considered to be of strategic importance and of bright prospect, have been entered. The general and generous help given gladly, and in many instances gratuitously, by Synodical, Conferential and Congregational representatives, is gratefully acknowledged. The information thus attained is simply invaluable and forms a firm foundation for substantial building along lines that mean greater conservation of our resources of men and money.

3. Paying the Price.

Our best men are none too good for mission congregations. The Board's policy of paying better salaries, securing the most advantageous location, and erecting attractive buildings, is appealing more and more to gifted and devoted pastors, willing to accept the challenge of the seemingly impossible. Liberal Church Extension Loans and Donations of Interest have played a large part in making possible the many fine Churches built during the Biennium, as well as those in process of building. Paying the price *pays.*

4. Saved to Save.

Christ came to save sinners. This is the primary mission of His Church. Personal and congregational evangelism is being emphasized earnestly by all interested in "carrying on" for Him Who gave Himself for us. It cost Christ His Cross to save sinners. Christ's confessors must be willing to make the sacrifices necessary to function effectively as His witnesses. "By their fruits ye shall know them." Only through loving and liberal expenditure of what God has given to us will we be His "Martyrs" in reality.

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5. RIPENING FIELDS.

Yes, the fields are ripe unto the harvest.

(a) *In New England*—The peoples of many nations have entered this section. Lutherans are here in numbers that amaze us as we gain more accurate knowledge. What has been planted and cultivated by the New York Ministerium, the New York and New England Synod, and the New York Synod, is producing most encouragingly. In Boston, Hartford, New Britain, New Haven, and other strategic centers, foundations have been laid, and the future will witness God's blessing upon the self-sacrifice of Lutheran pioneers in New England.

(b) *In the Land of the Maple Leaf*—While aggressive work in the Dominion of Canada was hindered by the war and conditions following it, advance has been made by the congregations under the care of the Board. No one can estimate just what are the splendid results of our work carried on in Ottawa, Montreal, Toronto, Hamilton, Guelph, Kitchener, Waterloo, and other places. A marked forward movement is noted and arrangements have been completed for closer supervision of our Mission operations.

(c) *In America's Metropolis*—No one who knows, doubts that one of our greatest Mission opportunities is found in and around Greater New York. Some of the older congregations on Manhattan and in Brooklyn are losing in membership because of removal from congested centers. Through the Missions organized in Northern New Jersey, on Long Island, and in Westchester County, we are retaining and reclaiming these to the Lutheran Church. We are doing greater things than ever before because of inter-Synodical constructive co-operation, which means the elimination of destructive competition. The "biggest task" is being attacked by those who are determined to conquer through Christ, the Conqueror. The Dominating City of the Western World is yielding to the Church of His Word and Sacraments.

(d) *On the Empire State Express*—In this magnificent train, we go over the trails trodden by our Lutheran ancestors. We think of their good works and of what has been achieved since those early days. We contemplate, with laudable pride, what has been done in towns and cities on "both sides of the Hudson"—in Albany, Troy, Schenectady, Amsterdam, Utica, Syracuse, Rochester, Buffalo, Niagara Falls. The Macedonian cry of the Empire State is still heard and is being answered as men and means are forthcoming.

(e) *Near and Beyond the Alleghanies*—To us comes the challenge of mighty industrial cities like Altoona, Johnstown and Pittsburgh, to do "God's Big Business." The voice of Passavant, Lutheran Missionary and Philanthropist, is still heard where flows the Monongahela, the Alleghany and the Ohio. It calls for the establishment and extension of Christ's Church. That the Pittsburgh and Alleghany Synods hear the heed, the multiplying Missions clearly manifest.

(f) *Along the Rivers in Eastern and Central Pennsylvania*—Muhlen-

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STATISTICAL REPORT—EASTERN DISTRICT

BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION OF UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

SYNODS	Mission Parishes July 31, 1920	Appropriations July 31, 1920	Mission Parishes July 31, 1922	Appropriations July 31, 1922	Number of Missions Received Since July 31, 1920	Amount of Appropriation for Same	Number Receiving Increased Appropriations	Amount of Such Increases	Self-Sustaining Between July 31, 1920–July 31, 1922	Amount Released by Same	Number Reducing Appropriations	Amount of Such Reductions	Missions Increasing Salaries	Amount of Such Increases	Number of Vacancies 1920	Number of Vacancies 1922	Parsonages—1920	Parsonages—1922
1 Alleghany	9	$3000	7	$2750	1	$200	0	$....	3	$400	1	$50	2	$300	2	1	7	7
2 Cent. Penna	3	700	1	250	0	.....	0	.....	2	450	0	.....	3	750	0	0	3	1
3 Cent. Canada	5	3200	5	3200	0	.....	0	.....	0	.....	0	.....	1	200	1	1	2	2
4 East Penna	21	9716	21	10760	3	2100	2	380	3	1300	2	136	10	1910	2	1	9	12
5 Min. of Penna	22	10075	12	7180	1	900	3	400	11	3175	6	1020	14	3765	1	0	14	7
6 Nova Scotia	3	1000	3	1100	0	.....	1	100	0	.....	0	.....	1	200	1	0	2	3
7 N. Y. & N. E	8	6250	10	8200	3	2100	5	1150	1	500	2	800	8	2050	2	1	3	3
8 New York	23	10850	17	9050	1	800	4	1000	7	2350	9	1250	13	3020	2	3	10	9
9 Pittsburgh	37	18356	32	17660	3	2400	5	660	8	2840	8	916	12	2202	4	3	14	15
10 Susquehanna	2	620	1	700	0	.....	1	580	1	500	0	.....	2	720	0	0	0	0
11 West Penna.	4	1380	4	1780	0	.....	2	400	0	.....	0	.....	3	500	0	1	2	3
Totals	137	$65147	113	$62630	12	$8500	23	$4670	36	$11515	28	$4172	69	$15617	15	11	66	62
Average	.....	476	.....	554	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

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berg's motto, "Ecclesia Plantanda," has not been forgotten. The Church has been planted and is being planted along the Delaware, the Schuylkill, the Lehigh, the Susquehanna and the "Blue Juniata." Our oldest mission field remains the newest. A spirit of renewed and ever-increasing consecration seems to be possessing the congregations of the Keystone State, and they are giving loyal and liberal support to all our undertakings.

(g) *In the Cities by the Sea*—Traveling along the ocean boulevard, from Atlantic Highlands to Cape May, we pass the Church of the Atonement, Asbury Park; the new work at Manasquan; St. Andrew's, Atlantic City; St. John's, Ocean City; Messiah, Sea Isle City; Our Saviour, Stone Harbor; Holy Trinity, Wildwood. All of these are, or have been, mission congregations. They invite, and have a right to expect, the heartiest support of Lutherans who go to the shore to live or enjoy a vacation.

Past victories are ample assurance for success in the future. In the name of the Lord of Hosts, we will set up our banners. With faith, and with faith's foresight and fidelity, we will possess America for Christ, and through America, we will possess the world for Him.

Southern District.

Rev. A. D. R. Hancher, D.D., Superintendent.

The Southern District embraces West Virginia, Maryland, District of Columbia, Virginia, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Florida, Louisiana and a large part of Texas. According to the census of 1920, the population of these States was 26,691,142.

Scattered throughout this vast expanse of country are about 100,000 Lutherans connected with the United Lutheran Church. These are gathered into eight Synods. On the territory of these Synods, sixty-seven Missions are being developed. In addition to the missionary pastors, there are three Field Missionaries, located in the States of North Carolina, Mississippi and Texas.

During the Biennium, the work has been carried on vigorously, notwithstanding the financial depression, which in several of the Southern States was acute. Churches were built in Macon, Ga.; Birmingham, Ala.; Charleston, S. C.; High Point and Thomasville, N. C. A suitable chapel for our work in Houston, Texas, was purchased, while our Mission in Lynchburg, Va., secured a completed Church. This work was accomplished at an expenditure of $196,450. Plans for and actual work on other Church buildings at this time are, Easton, Md.; two in Baltimore, Md.; Roanoke, Va.; Statesville, Hendersonville, Concord and Brookside, N. C.; Saxe Gotha, Ridge Spring and Clinton, S. C., and St. Petersburg, Fla.

The stimulating effect of the merger has manifested itself in various ways throughout this district:

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STATISTICAL REPORT—SOUTHERN DISTRICT

SYNODS	Missions July 31, 1920	Appropriations July 31, 1920	Missions July 31, 1922	Appropriations July 31, 1922	Missions Received Since July 31, 1920	Appropriations for Same	Number Receiving Increased Appropriations	Amount of Such Increase	Self-Sustaining Between July 31, 1920–July 31, 1922	Amount Released by Same	Number Reducing Appropriations	Amount of Such Reductions	Missions Increasing Salaries	Amount of Such Increase	Number of Vacancies July 31, 1920	Number of Vacancies July 31, 1922	Number of Parsonages
1 Maryland	12	$5100	12	$7250	2	$2000	4	$1750	2	$500	3	$250	7	$1210	1	1	6
2 West Virginia	8	3900	6	4150	.....	.....	5	650	2	550	.....	.....	5	850	1	1	3
3 *Virginia†	2	900	10	7860	1	400	8	3530	1	400	1	120	3	740	1	2	5
4 **North Carolina	9	4303	15	10353	.....	.....	10	2850	3	535	5	1057	9	1852	6	1	10
5 South Carolina	12	5350	11	5200	2	600	6	1365	3	865	4	730	8	1360	1	5	9
6 Georgia	5	4600	6	5720	1	900	2	220	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	460	1	.....	3
7 Mississippi	2	1224	6	2600	4	2300	4	2420	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	242	.....	.....	2
8 Texas	.....	.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals	50	$32327	67	$43133	11	$6200	39	$12785	11	$2850	13	$2157	36	$6714	11	10	38

*The Virginia, Southwestern Virginia, and Holston Synods merged in March, 1922.
**The North Carolina and Tennessee Synods merged in March, 1921.

REV. A. D. R. HANCHER, *District Superintendent*

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(a) By an increased support of the work, not heretofore possible.

(b) By the consolidation of Synods, as the North Carolina and Tennessee Synods in March, 1921, and the Virginia, Southwestern Virginia, and Holston Synods in March, 1922.

(c) By the same action on the part of certain congregations.

(d) By the response from the Missions themselves, as evidenced in the number becoming self-sustaining, and the larger number materially reducing their appropriations.

(e) By the occupation of new fields in various sections of the district.

An aggressive spirit pervades the work. A loyal support is assured, a final victory is guaranteed, because of Him who said, "He shall cause them that come of Jacob to take root: Israel shall blossom and bud, and fill the face of the world with fruit."

Central District.

Rev. J. F. Seibert, D.D., Superintendent.

(1) *The Field*—The Central is the largest district both from the standpoint of geography and population. It includes fifteen States and three Canadian Provinces, with an area of 1,877,621 square miles.

(a) In this vast domain, there are two hundred and fifty-four cities of over 10,000 population. These include nine of the twenty cities in the whole country of the first class of over 300,000 population, six of the 100,000 class, twenty-five of the 50,000 class, and fifty-six additional of over 25,000.

(b) It is primarily a Lutheran territory. More than two-thirds of the Lutheran Communicants are to be found in the great Mississippi Valley. Moreover, the United Lutheran Church, here too, has attained unto strength. Though it is frequently referred to as the "Eastern Church," it is significant that its confirmed membership is as large as that of either of two other Lutheran Bodies that are usually classed as part of the Western Church, and that have their headquarters in this district.

(2) *The Work*—During the Biennium, our Mission work suffered severe losses in the home-going of the District Superintendent, Rev. H. L. Yarger, D.D., and the tragic death of the Rev. Conrad Huber, D.D., the Missionary Superintendent of the Eastern and Central Conferences of the Synod of Ohio. Seven Synods have Missionary Superintendents, most of whom do field work; and the eighth, the Synod of Illinois, has the work under the direction of the President. Four additional Field Missionaries were added to the staff—one each with Chicago, St. Louis and Detroit as centers; and the fourth for the other cities of Southern Michigan. Twenty-seven new Missions were organized, mostly in centers like Toledo, Detroit, Flint, Indianapolis, St. Louis, Chicago, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Davenport, Kansas City, and other cities of strategic impor-

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STATISTICAL REPORT—CENTRAL DISTRICT

SYNODS	Missions July 31, 1920	Appropriations July 31, 1920	Missions July 31, 1922	Appropriations July 31, 1922	Missions Received Since July 31, 1920	Amount of Appropriation for the Same	Number Receiving Increased Appropriations	Amount of Such Increase	Self-Sustaining to July 31, 1922	Amount Released by the Same	Number Reducing Appropriation	Amount of Such Reductions	Missions Increasing Salaries	Amount of Such Increases	Number of Vacancies July 31, 1920	Number of Vacancies July 31, 1922	Number of Parsonages
1 Ohio	21	$14540	22	$16490	3	$2100	7	$1440	2	$450	9	$1140	11	$3105	1	0	7
2 Indiana	7	4450	11	7575	4	3750	1	350	0	0	6	975	5	1700	1	1	5
3 Michigan	7	4740	8	11290	2	2600	2	4600*	1	300	3	350	1	100	0	1	5
4 Illinois	23	15757	19	17690	5	6380	3	3240*	9	4512	13	3175	14	4442	2	3	6
5 Northwest	19	19860	21	23930	5	4400	7	2300	3	1150	8	1480	10	3990	0	1	6
6 Iowa	9	3620	11	7225	4	2700	5	1680	2	300	4	475	6	2300	1	1	5
7 Nebraska	4	2250	6	4250	3	2750	0	0	1	250	3	500	2	500	1	1	3
8 Kansas	10	4425	11	5700	1	1400	2	550	0	0	5	675	8	2575	1	0	7
Totals	100	$69642	109	$94150	27	26080	27	$14160	18	$6962	51	$8770	57	18712	7	8	44

*Michigan Increase includes appropriation for two Field Missionaries.
*Illinois Increase included appropriation for a Field Missionary.

JOHN F. SEIBERT, *Superintendent*

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tance, but of less size. Eighteen have become self-supporting. Of the one hundred and nine listed, one hundred and one have pastors, and with one exception, the rest are served by student supplies.

(3) *The Program.*—Obviously, this cannot and ought not be stated in detail. Everywhere the field is white unto the harvest. The opportunity is unlimited. As God gives wisdom and the Church supplies the men and money, the work will continue to be systematically stressed:

(a) To meet the challenging responsibility of the great cities and to occupy the most strategic of the twenty-nine cities of 25,000, the thirty-five of over 15,000, and the fifty-seven of over 10,000, without the United Lutheran Church, that are not adequately cared for by other Lutheran Bodies, as well as to enter the most important centers of Northwest Canada—

(b) To continue the work of the past Biennium until the most important educational centers shall have established congregations worshiping in properly equipped buildings—

(c) To plant the Church, as there may be need, in the rural communities, especially in the newly developing great States of the Northwest, and into which other Denominations are pouring men and money.

Western District.

Rev. J. F. Seibert, D.D., Acting Superintendent.

(1) *The Field*—This district comprises ten States west of the Rocky Mountains, and the Province of British Columbia in Canada. Territorially, it is the second in size, with an area of 1,389,000 square miles. Though this is a comparatively new country, the population now numbers more than nine million.

(a) It is strictly missionary territory. Three Synods—the Rocky Mountain, Pacific and California—with a combined confirmed membership of less than eight thousand, are almost wholly a product of Home Missions, and perhaps two-thirds of the congregations are now supported from the Mission Treasury. Three of the States—Nevada, Idaho and Utah—are without a United Lutheran Church. Phoenix, the Capital of Arizona, and Laramie, the university city of Wyoming, represent our strength in these States; while in New Mexico we have but two Churches, Albuquerque and Belen.

(b) The work of the district centers in Colorado, Washington, Oregon and California. Here are six great cities—Denver, Seattle, Portland, Oakland, San Francisco, with others like Sacramento, Long Beach, Tacoma, Fresno and Spokane. These, with the scores of others where we are not represented, such as Tucson, Ariz.; Richmond and Vallejo, Calif., spell opportunity. Some of the most fertile valleys in the world here are being peopled and must receive attention.

(2) *The Work*—British Columbia, Washington and Oregon, each have

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had field missionaries, and the Rocky Mountain Synod a Missionary Superintendent, who have done much field work. As a result of the visit of the Survey Commission, two additional Field Missionaries were provided, with centers at Los Angeles and San Francisco. Nine new Missions were organized during the Biennium, with centers like Hollywood and Huntington Park, Calif.; Seattle, Wash., and Casper, Wyoming, while eight became self-supporting. There are now forty-five Missions, five of which are vacant. In addition, several men will be needed to release the Field Missionaries for new work.

(3) *The Problem*—The ability to secure sufficient men is perhaps the greatest problem in the occupancy of this great field. Several Missions of strategic importance have been vacant for some time. Our hope eventually must be in the product of the Seminary upon the territory; but for some years, at least, the challenging call must reach more of the men of the East if the United Lutheran Church is to meet her great opportunity and responsibility in this wonderful district.

6. The District Superintendents express great appreciation of the interests of our Theological Seminaries in furnishing student supplies for vacant Mission Churches. There is a threefold beneficent result. The student gets a taste of the practical side of congregational service and a deeper insight into Mission wants; he is supplied with funds that will make him less dependent on outside sources for financial support, and, above all, he ministers the Word to people who otherwise would be deprived of the Means of Grace. This functioning of our Seminaries with our Mission agencies, is becoming one of the marked features in the management of our vacant Mission Churches and in many instances paves the way for a Mission pastorate at the end of the student's theological course. It has brought great relief in this period of ministerial shortage and has proved a valuable asset to our Superintendents and Mission Churches alike.

7. The report of our Women Helpers in Home Missions and Church Extension merits a place here. The following brief summary is furnished by Mrs. Albert Bell, Department Secretary of Home Missions and Church Extension.

This particular branch of Christian service in our Church has been a real and blessed development. Its present large, strong, active and effective organization has a most interesting history. At the first, but a mere organization to allow a slight recognition and have the privilege of gathering such amounts as we might be able to contribute, we made modest contributions to the general cause of Missions.

Stimulated and encouraged by our success, there was born the desire to undertake some definite and specific work, and we were granted certain Missions as our peculiar care. Our success in this has been most interesting, since during the last Biennium as many as forty Missions were aided. Additional ones shall be taken on early in the next Biennium.

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STATISTICAL REPORT—WESTERN DISTRICT

SYNODS	Missions July 31, 1920	Appropriations July 31, 1920	Missions July 31, 1922	Appropriations July 31, 1922	Missions Received Since July 31, 1920	Amount of Appropriation for the Same	Number Receiving Increased Appropriation	Amount of Such Increase	Self-Sustaining to July 31, 1922	Amount Released by the Same	Number Reducing Appropriation	Amount of Such Reductions	Missions Increasing Salaries	Amount of Such Increases	Number of Vacancies July 31, 1920	Number of Vacancies July 31, 1922	Number of Parsonages
1 Rocky Mountain	13	$6675	12	$7250	1	$180	2	$1970*	2	$1160	4	$415	6	$1720	5	2	5
2 California	18	10615	17	14015	4	4300	3	1925*	5	1785	10	1040	9	1540	1	1	4
3 Pacific	13	14690	16	14800	4	1350	1	300	1	780	5	760	5	2200	4	2	6
Totals	44	$31980	45	$36065	9	$5830	6	$4195	8	$3725	19	$2215	20	$5460	10	5	15

*Rocky Mountain Increase included appropriation towards Missionary Superintendent.
*California Increase includes appropriation towards two Field Missionaries.

JOHN F. SEIBERT, *Acting Superintendent*

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The total amount of our appropriations to Home Missionaries' salaries, Church Extension, Home Mission Box-work, and Settlement work in a Home Mission Parish, is about $68,000. To this sum should be added the contents of the boxes (193), totalling $1,107.80, and the gifts for Inner Mission which amount to $2,381.72. Thirteen Missions assisted by our Society have become self-sustaining, and thirteen additional Missions have been taken on during the Biennium. In addition, several Synodical Societies have been assisting certain Home Missions not listed with those assisted by our Society. Several dedications of new Houses for Worship and special improvements of Church property, together with reduction of indebtedness, are features of the progress of the Biennium. At the same time, our contributions for the General Fund have been maintaining a steady and healthy growth and increase.

A special feature of the Biennium was the conducting of a Survey of the whole field of Home Missions by Synods, through appointed Secretaries. This Survey, which includes circumstances and conditions, such as the nature of the Field, character of the people, with their peculiar needs, has furnished much material for study and reference that should prove a stimulus and challenge to greater zeal and faith for the future. While not every Synod availed itself of this opportunity, the number that did has furnished data for drawing several conclusions that are inspiring and weighty. They emphasize the magnitude and extent of the territory and the task. They present weighty problems exceedingly delicate and intricately involved, the solving of which will call for patience, prayer, faith, and godly consecration, that will task our devoted women to the utmost of their ability and capacity. Yet this should neither discourage nor deter, since our authority and power, and our Master's presence, are our hope and confidence.

8. The Board desires to record its grievous loss in the death of Dr. Yarger who, as District Superintendent, had charge of the Central and Western Districts. From the Minutes of the Board, the following data are worthy of a place in this Report:

The Rev. H. L. Yarger, D.D., was born February 22, 1862, at Harleton, Pennsylvania, and died at his home in Chicago, January 13, 1921. He was graduated from the Institutions at Gettysburg—the College in 1883 and the Seminary in 1886. After serving three Mission Pastorates, he was elected in 1895 Field Secretary of the Board of Church Extension of the General Synod, serving with marked efficiency until the consolidation of the Board with that of Home Missions in 1915, when he became the General Superintendent. With the organization of the Home Missions and Church Extension work, after the Merger of the three General Bodies, he was made Superintendent of the Central and Western Districts.

It is impossible adequately to record the labors of these many years. The noblest efforts and most lasting results of any faithful servant of God cannot be tabulated. Dr. Yarger's carefully kept diary shows that he

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travelled in his official capacity over 650,000 miles, visited congregations in every Synod of the former General Synod, in most of those of the former General Council, and in some of those of the United Synod South. He attended the dedication of 211 Churches at which, and at other debt-raising events, he raised over $450,000. His efforts were not unrequited as is evidenced by the fact that in 1913 he was elected President of the General Synod, the highest office in the gift of that body. The Board records its appreciation of a service cheerfully rendered, and of foundations laid that will bulk big in the future of our Zion. He was a man of fine Christian spirit and excellent judgment. His death creates a position difficult to fill. But the work is of God and we trustingly bow to His will, spurred by this providence to greater exertion to extend His Kingdom.

9. The Board has no special recommendations to offer at this time; but it would most earnestly call the attention of the Church to the urgent need of a largely increased appropriation if the work of Home Missions and Church Extension is to measure up, in any appreciable degree, to the opportunities that are presenting themselves for larger service on every side. It takes the privilege of adding to this Report the following action taken at its last regular meeting: RESOLVED, that we petition the United Lutheran Church to reconsider its action directing this Board to relocate its offices in the City of Chicago, Illinois, but that they permit us to remove the Executive Offices to the City of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: That a Committee be appointed to formulate the reasons moving the Board to this action, and to prepare a proper Memorial to the next meeting of the United Lutheran Church.

10. The Board desires to place in nomination the following names to fill the vacancies occasioned by the expiration of their terms of office:

To serve for four years:

Rev. C. E. Walter, D.D.; Rev. G. F. Gehr, D.D.; Rev. D. K. Bell, D.D.; Rev. S. T. Nicholis, D.D.; Mr. J. A. Dempwolf; Mr. George E. Neff; Mr. C. J. Driever.

To serve for four years:

Rev. J. M. Bramkamp, D.D.

To serve for two years:

Dr. G. E. Holtzapple.

11. In spite of the fact that the appropriation to our work suffered a cut of more than $100,000, the biennium, just closed, has met with no serious reverses. Though the Board could not make the aggressive Forward Movement which this additional sum would have made possible, nevertheless it is enabled to chronicle some very important advances. These advances are largely due to the fact that surplus funds came from the Merged General Bodies. But these special resources will soon be exhausted and the Board will then be compelled to limit its work to the appropriation which the Church makes for the development of our Home Mission projects. As to

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the workings of the Board, its meetings have been well attended and have given evidence of deep interest and capable management. The sessions of the Executive Committee were held regularly, its members being uniformly present and finishing the business each time up to date. The new biennium is bright with hope and boundless in opportunities. Hitherto the Lord hath helped us; and trusting His power and grace, the Board is ready to take up its task anew and carry on the work as the Church assigns it and provides for it. To His Name be the glory now and forever more.

J. E. WHITTEKER, President. H. H. WEBER, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDED JULY 31, 1922

RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st JULY, 1921.

	Home Missions and Church Extension	Permanent Loan Fund
United, General and Branch Synods	$6,518.51	$4,190.29
National Lutheran Council	2,770.00	.....
United Church	342,370.58	.....
General Council	.....	8,000.00
Allied Boards	100.00	.....
Women's Missionary Society	22,196.76	.....
Returned Loans Class "A"	.....	28,010.00
Annuity Gifts	.....	1,500.00
Bank Interest	4,396.82	2,006.27
Interest on Investments	26.25	5,412.04
Donations	9,103.11	30,068.83
Sunday Schools	19.41	.....
Ladies' Aid Society	5.00	.....
Proceeds from Sale of Investments	360.00	.....
Proceeds from Sale of Property	.....	1,565.56
Rentals of Land	10.00	.....
Washington Convention Offering	36.70	.....
Returned Loans in Transfer from General Council	.....	2,200.00
Returned Loans Class "B"	.....	479.50
Interest on Class "A" Loans	.....	275.00
	$387,913.14	$83,707.49

Total Receipts		$471,620.63
Composed of: Cash	$466,520.63	
Real Estate	1,000.00	
Securities at par	4,100.00	
		$471,620.63

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DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st JULY, 1921.

Donations to Churches	$ 83,145.86	
Loans to Churches Class "A"	125,707.63	
Salaries of Missionaries	196,345.62	
Salaries of Secretary, Treasurer and District Superintendents	19,629.93	
Salaries of Clerks, Stenographers, etc.	3,672.85	
Expenses of Missionaries, General	601.26	
Expenses of Missionaries, Moving	2,753.31	
Expenses of Secretary, Treasurer and District Superintendents	9,291.60	
Expenses of Other Officers and Board Members	3,841.48	
Printing and Stationery	1,696.59	
Office Supplies	287.05	
Office Rental	600.00	
Office Expenses and Repairs	294.35	
Telephone and Telegraph	127.76	
Postage and Expressage	104.21	
Light	42.72	
Legal, Auditing and System	3,172.37	
Advertising	150.00	
Gifts and General Expense	66.30	
Annuities Paid	1,684.50	
Investments Purchased	5,778.09	
Certificates of Deposit Purchased	1,500.00	
Furniture and Fixtures	98.25	
Real Estate Purchased	3,250.00	
Total Disbursements		$463,841.73

RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st JULY, 1922.

United, General and Branch Synods		$ 1,930.37
United Church on Apportionment		295,036.00
Allied Boards		1,537.24
Women's Missionary Society		5,457.13
Returned Loans, Class "A"		5,550.00
Bank Interest		2,535.41
Interest on Investments		13,793.63
Donations		45,598.80
Proceeds from Sale of Property		900.00
Rentals of Land, etc.		10.00
Returned Loans in Transfer from General Council		21,065.24
Returned Loans, Class "B"		570.00
Interest on Class "A" Loans, etc.		190.56
Total Receipts		$394,174.38
Composed of: Cash	$389,174.38	
Securities at par	5,000.00	
		$394,174.38

DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st JULY, 1922.

Donations to Churches	$ 70,015.83
Loans to Churches, Class "A"	130,510.33
Salaries of Missionaries	221,620.26

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Salaries of Secretary, Treasurer and District Superintendents.	$19,283.16
Salaries of Clerks, Stenographers, etc.	4,252.50
Expenses of Missionaries, General	1,294.52
Expenses of Missionaries, Moving	1,853.52
Expenses of Secretary, Treasurer and District Superintendents	8,639.84
Expenses of Other Officers and Board Members	3,597.76
Printing and Stationery	2,140.41
Office Supplies and Expenses	263.16
Office Rental	1,400.00
Home Missions Council	2,000.00
Telephone and Telegraph	79.27
Postage and Expressage	222.87
Light	35.73
Legal, Auditing and System	1,344.03
Advertising	225.00
General Expense	544.13
Annuities Paid	1,442.00
Furniture and Fixtures	45.00
Real Estate Purchased	200.00
Total Disbursements	$471,009.32

BALANCE SHEET, 31st JULY, 1922.

ASSETS.

Cash in banks and on hand	$ 99,765.60		
Certificates of Deposit, as annexed	115,500.00	$215,265.00	
Notes and Mortgages, Class "A," as annexed	$494,290.20		
Notes and Mortgages, Class "A," transferred from General Council, as annexed	217,291.31	711,581.51	
			$ 926,847.11
Securities at par value, as annexed			138,900.00
Real Estate at book values, as annexed		$19,975.00	
Building Lots and Unimproved Property at book values, as annexed		8,185.00	
			28,160.00
			$1,093,907.11
Notes and Mortgages held in trust for the Women's Missionary Society		$121,663.91	
Properties held in trust for various congregations, transferable to the Board in the event of the dissolution of the congregations, as annexed		40,800.00	
		$162,463.91	

FUNDS.

Home Missions Treasury	$ 48,949.59	
Church Extension Treasury	1,016,817.58	
Annuity Fund	25,450.00	
Permanent Loan Fund	8,607.51	
Endowment Fund	27,294.78	
General Fund (deficit)	*33,212.35*	
		$1,093,907.11

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CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT, 31st JULY, 1922.

Guardian Trust Co., York, Pa.:		
No. 23872 1922, July 11	$50,000.00	
No. 23873 1922, July 11	6,200.00	
		$ 56,200.00
Franklin Trust Co., Philadelphia, Pa.:		
No. 290 1922, July 12		19,250.00
York Trust Co., York, Pa.:		
No. 42615 1922, July 11		15,000.00
City Bank of York, Pa.:		
No. 85818 1922, July 26	$ 2,000.00	
No. 85817 1922, July 26	12,000.00	
		14,000.00
First National Bank of Marietta, Pa.:		
No. 23344 1922, July 10		10,000.00
Equitable Trust Co., Baltimore, Md.:		
No. 343 1922, July 11		1,000.00
Drovers & Mechanics National Bank, York, Pa.:		
No. 5758 1922, July 11		50.00
		$115,500.00

CLASS "A" NOTES AND MORTGAGES, 31st JULY, 1922.

Securing Advances to Churches:	
St. Peter's Lutheran, Albany, N. Y.	$2,000.00
Grace, Allegheny, Pa.	200.00
Hyde Park, Allegheny, Pa.	200.00
First, Alpaugh, Cal.	300.00
Trinity, Ann Arbor, Mich.	2,000.00
Lutheran Memorial, Baltimore, Md.	3,000.00
Bethany, Batesville, Ind.	1,500.00
First, Benson, Neb.	1,200.00
St. Michael's, Berkeley, Cal.	2,500.00
First, Billings, Mont.	5,000.00
Christ, Birmingham, Ala.	25,000.00
St. Matthew's, Brantford, Ont., Can.	5,000.00
First English, Bridgeport, Conn.	1,500.00
Zion, Bristol, Pa.	3,000.00
Temple, Brookline, Pa.	3,000.00
Church of the Advent, Brooklyn, N. Y.	750.00
Calvary, Brooklyn, N. Y.	3,000.00
St. Phillip's, Brooklyn, N. Y.	2,500.00
First German-English, Buffalo, N. Y.	500.00
Zion, Buffalo, N. Y.	2,500.00
St. Paul's, Burr Oak, Iowa	1,200.00
Mt. Olivet, Bushman, Pa.	166.77
Evangelical, Butler, Ind.	500.00
Christ, Cambridge, Ohio	1,000.00
Redeemer, Centralia, Ill.	5,000.00
Christ, Charleroi, Pa.	4,000.00
Holy Trinity, Charlotte, N. C.	1,400.00
Church of the Ascension, Chattanooga, Tenn.	2,175.00
Nativity, Chester, Pa.	2,500.00
Belmont Park, Chicago, Ill.	3,500.00

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Securing Advances to Churches:

Church of the Advent, Chicago, Ill.	$2,000.00
Immanuel, Chicago, Ill.	150.00
Jerusalem, Chicago, Ill.	500.00
Lutheran Church, Lemoyne and Mason Avenues, Chicago, Ill.	3,000.00
Norwood Park, Chicago, Ill.	2,500.00
Church of the Reformation, Chicago, Ill.	1,500.00
Rogers' Park, Chicago, Ill.	700.00
St. Johannes', Chicago, Ill.	800.00
St. Stephen's, Chicago, Ill.	2,000.00
Tabor, Chicago, Ill.	600.00
Tallman and Peterson Avenues, Chicago, Ill.	3,750.00
Gethsemane, Cicero, Ill.	2,000.00
St. Mark's, Clarksburg, W. Va.	500.00
Church of Our Savior, Coatesville, Pa.	2,000.00
Luther Chapel, Colorado City, Colorado	300.00
First, Colorado Springs, Colorado	2,895.00
Hilltop English, Columbus, Ohio	2,000.00
Immanuel, Columbus, Ohio	4,250.00
Evangelical, Columbus, Texas	100.00
Christ, Continental, Ohio	300.00
St. John's, Council Bluffs, Iowa	2,000.00
First English, Covington, Ky.	5,000.00
St. John's, Davis, W. Va.	601.00
Grace, Dayton, Ohio	1,700.00
North Riverdale, Dayton, Ohio	1,500.00
Westwood, Dayton, Ohio	1,500.00
Messiah, Denver, Colorado	2,000.00
Trinity, Denver, Colorado	690.30
East Jefferson Avenue, Detroit, Mich.	2,000.00
Church of the Reformation, Detroit, Mich.	5,000.00
St. Luke's, Detroit, Mich.	4,667.96
Zion, Dolgeville, N. Y.	200.00
Calvary, Dover, Pa.	1,000.00
St. Mark's, Dubuque, Iowa	2,000.00
St. John's, East McKeesport, Pa.	500 00
Advent, East Orange, N. J.	1,000.00
Edgewood, Edgewood, W. Va.	1,000.00
Holy Trinity, Elkins, W. Va.	500.00
St. Paul's, El Paso, Texas	1,700.00
First, Ericson, Neb.	150.00
Tinicum Memorial, Essington, Pa.	3,000.00
St. Mark's, Evansville, Ind.	880.00
Trinity, Everett, Washington	5,000.00
For property purchase, Flint, Mich.	5,000.00
Christ, Fort Wayne, Ind.	500.00
St. Paul's, Fresno, Cal.	1,500.00
English, Garfield, Pa.	500.00
First, Glendale, Cal.	500.00
St. Andrew's, Glen Morris, N. Y.	2,500.00
St. James', Gloversville, N. Y.	200.00
St. Mark's, Grand Forks, N. Dak.	1,500.00
Trinity, Grand Rapids, Mich.	500.00
First, Greenville, S. C.	1,500.00
Trinity, Hamilton, Ont., Can.	1,000.00

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Securing Advances to Churches:

St. Paul's, Harrisburg, Pa.	$3,000.00
Redeemer, Hartford, Wis.	1,500.00
Zion, Havelock, Neb.	600.00
Holy Trinity, Hoboken, N. J.	2,000.00
Messiah, Homestead, Pa.	1,500.00
Grace, Hooper, Neb.	1,000.00
First, Hutchison, Kansas	2,500.00
Gethsemane, Indianapolis, Ind.	3,000.00
English, Iowa Falls, Iowa	1,000.00
Calvary, Jersey City, N. J.	2,500.00
Grace, Jersey Shore, Pa.	500.00
St. John's, Joliet, Ill.	3,000.00
St. John's, Kansas City, Mo.	5,000.00
First, Kent, Ohio	1,000 00
St. John's, Killdeer, N. Dak.	3 000.00
St. Paul's, Knox, Ind.	500 00
First, Knoxville, Iowa	100.00
Grace, Lakeland, Fla.	1,000.00
Trinity, Lakewood, Ohio	10,000.00
Trinity, Lansford, N. Dak.	1,000.00
St. Stephen's, Lenoir, N. C.	800.00
Grace, Lincoln, Neb.	4,000.00
St. John's, Lincoln, Neb.	750.00
St. Mark's, Los Angeles, Cal.	400.00
Redeemer, Macon, Ga.	5,000 00
Luther Memorial, Madison, Wis.	30,000.00
Evangelical, Mahaffey, Pa.	350.00
St. James', Marinette, Wis.	5,000.00
St. Paul's, Marion, Ohio	1,000.00
Synod of N. W., Milwaukee, Wis.	15,000.00
St. Paul's, Minneapolis, Kansas	300.00
St. Paul's, Monessen, Pa.	1,500 00
Evangelical, Monroeville, Ind.	500.00
Grace, Muscatine, Iowa	1,000.00
Holy Trinity, Narberth, Pa.	2,500.00
St. James', Newark, N. J.	400.00
Holy Trinity, Newark, Ohio	1,500.00
First English, New Haven, Conn.	2,000.00
Holy Trinity, New London, Wis.	2,500.00
St. Thomas', New York, N. Y.	875.00
Trinity, Niles, Ohio	5,000.00
St. Johannes', Norfolk, Neb.	1,500 00
Trinity, Oakland, Neb.	625.00
Oak Park, Oak Park, Ill.	3,000.00
Grace, Omaha, Neb.	3,000.00
Church of the Redeemer, Omaha, Neb.	1,500.00
St. Matthew's, Oswego, N. Y.	2,350.00
St. Paul's, Ottawa, Kans.	300.00
St. Mark's, Ottumwa, Iowa	3,000.00
St. Luke's, Park Ridge, Ill.	1,500 00
First, Paterson, N. J.	2,500 00
Grace, Peoria, Ill.	3,000.00
Gift of Thomas Irwin Brown, Philadelphia, Pa.	10,000.00
Calvary, Philadelphia, Pa.	625.00
Christ, Philadelphia, Pa.	$2,500.00

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Securing Advances to Churches:

Immanuel, Philadelphia, Pa.	2,800.00
Luther Memorial, Philadelphia, Pa.	5,500.00
Memorial, Philadelphia, Pa.	500.00
St. Andrew's, Philadelphia, Pa.	2,000.00
Brushton Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.	200.00
Holy Trinity, Pittsburgh, Pa.	2,000.00
St. James', Pittsburgh, Pa.	2,000.00
St. Paul's, Pittsburgh, Pa.	700.00
Church of the Redeemer, Portland, Ore.	1,200.00
Zion, Princeton, Iowa	300.00
St. Mark's, Pueblo, Colorado	1,500.00
St. Peter's Lutheran, Reading, Pa.	1,000.00
Christ, Ridgefield Park, N. J.	2,000.00
Church of Our Savior, Riverdale, Ill.	1,000.00
Emmanuel, Roanoke, Va.	1,800.00
Christ, Rosedale, N. Y.	1,500.00
First, Sacramento, Cal.	2,000.00
Reen Memorial, St. Louis, Mo.	3,500.00
St. Mark's, St. Louis, Mo.	961.17
Trinity, St. Petersburg, Fla.	15,000.00
First, San Bernardino, Cal.	500.00
Grace, San Jose, Cal.	2,000.00
St. Paul's, Sanger, Cal.	250.00
First, Schenectady, N. Y.	1,000.00
Grace, Scranton, Pa.	1,900.00
Messiah, Sea Isle City, N. J.	500.00
St. Paul's, Seattle, Wash.	1,000.00
University, Seattle, Wash.	5,000.00
Trinity, Sebring, Ohio	1,000.00
Trinity, Sedalia, Mo.	1,800.00
First English, South Omaha, Neb.	500.00
First English Evangelical, South Omaha, Neb.	500.00
Church of the Good Shepherd, South Ozone Park, L. I.	1,500.00
St. John's, Sparrows Point, Md.	3,000.00
Calvary, Spencer, N. C.	700.00
St. Paul's, Spokane, Wash.	3,000.00
St. James', Spring Brook, N. Dak.	650.00
Fifth, Springfield, Ohio	2,000.00
Grace, State College, Pa.	1,000.00
Christ, Stony Creek Mills, Pa.	500.00
Church of Our Savior, Stone Harbor, N. J.	1,000.00
St. John's, Swissvale, Pa.	2,000.00
Grace, Thomasville, N. C.	5,000.00
Augsburg, Toledo, Ohio	*5,000.00
Glenwood Avenue Lutheran, Toledo, Ohio	3,500.00
Home Acres, Toledo, Ohio	1,000.00
First, Tulsa, Oklahoma	1,500.00
Alpha, Turtle Creek, Pa.	500.00
St. Paul's, Valley Falls, Kans.	1,200.00
First, Valley Junction, Iowa	800.00
St. Matthew's, Wanwatosa, Wisconsin	15,000.00
Trinity, Williston, N. Dak.	$5,000.00
St. Luke's, Waterloo, Iowa	1,500.00

* $5,000 Augsburg English Evangelical Lutheran Church 6 Per Cent First Mtge. Ref. Bonds, due 1927, held as collateral to secure loan.

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Securing Advances to Churches:

Webster Groves, Webster Groves, Mo.	5,000.00
Messiah, Wesleyville, Pa.	3,000.00
First German-English, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.	300.00
St. Paul's, Warren, Ohio	5,000.00
English, Wilmette, Ill.	5,000.00
Holy Trinity, Wilmington, Del.	2,500.00
English, Winnipeg, Canada	12,450.00
Atonement, Wyomissing, Pa.	5,000.00
First, York, Neb.	800.00
St. Peter's Lutheran, York, Pa.	278.00
	$494,290.20

CLASS "A" NOTES AND MORTGAGES TRANSFERRED FROM THE GENERAL COUNCIL AND HELD JULY 31st, 1922.

Trinity, Appleton, Wisconsin	$2,500.00
First, Ashtabula, Ohio	1,000.00
Redeemer, Attleboro, Pa.	1,000.00
Redeemer, Aurora, Ill.	2,500.00
Redeemer, Austin, Ill.	2,200.00
St. Andrew's, Brooklyn, N. Y.	8,000.00
Covenant, Brooklyn, N. Y.	4,975.00
Atonement, Beloit, Wisconsin	8,000.00
Marquette Manor, Chicago, Ill.	2,237.50
St. Luke's, Chicago, Ill.	2,500.00
St. James', Chicago, Ill.	2,500 00
Epiphany, Chicago, Ill.	5,000.00
Emmaus, Cleveland, Ohio	1,150.00
St. Luke's, Detroit, Michigan	700.00
St. Paul's, Detroit, Michigan	5,000.00
St. John's, Duluth, Minnesota	2,221.03
Holy Trinity, East Orange, N. J.	3,000.00
Holy Trinity, Elmira, N. Y.	800.00
St. Mark's, Fremont, Ohio	3,000.00
St. Mark's, Fargo, N. D.	200.00
St. Paul's, Galt, Ontario, Canada	1,000.00
St. Paul's, Guelph, Ontario, Canada	2,000.00
Trinity, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada	4,980.00
St. Paul's, Haddon Heights, N. J.	2,000.00
Resurrection, Halifax, N. S.	5,000.00
St. Paul's, Hartford, Conn.	2,500.00
First English, Kitchener, Ontario, Canada	7,115.00
Holy Trinity, Lafayette, Indiana	5,000.00
Redeemer, Livingston, Montana	5,000.00
Holy Trinity, Madison, Wisconsin	5,000.00
Holy Trinity, Magnolia, N. J.	800.00
Incarnation, Milwaukee, Wisconsin	1,700.00
St. James', Minneapolis, Minn.	2,000.00
Holy Communion, Minneapolis, Minn.	2,000.00
Redeemer, Montreal, Canada	4,000.00
St. Paul's, Neenah, Wisconsin	4,200.00
Grace, Newark, N. J.	$6,000.00
Reformation, New Britain, Connecticut	4,900.00

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St. John's, Oshkosh, Wisconsin	3,000.00
St. Peter's, Ottawa, Canada	4,000.00
Prince of Peace, Philadelphia, Pa.	3,000.00
Church of the Mediator, Philadelphia, Pa.	7,500.00
Grace, Roxborough, Philadelphia, Pa.	3,300.00
Our Saviour, Philadelphia, Pa.	4,000.00
St. Stephen's, Philadelphia, Pa.	5,000.00
Resurrection, Philadelphia, Pa.	343.00
St. John's, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.	4,000.00
Holy Communion, Racine, Wisconsin	1,000.00
Holy Trinity, Salem, Ohio	2,500.00
St. Paul's, Scranton, Pa.	800.00
Pacific Synod Theological Seminary, Seattle, Washington	5,000.00
Holy Trinity, Superior, Wisconsin	2,000.00
Holy Trinity, Seattle, Washington	3,500.00
Zion, Tacoma, Washington	3,500.00
Redeemer, Vancouver, B. C.	5,000.00
Grace, Victoria, B. C.	3,000.00
Good Shepherd, Weehawken, N. J.	3,875.00
St. Luke's, West Collingswood, N. J.	3,000.00
Faith, Winona, Minnesota	500.00
English, Winnipeg, Canada	3,000.00
Trinity, North Yakima, Washington	3,500.00
	$197,996.53

From English Home Missions Board of the General Council

Redeemer, Aurora, Ill.	$1,000.00	
St. John's, Duluth, Minnesota	2,256.40	
———, Dunton, N. Y.	1,000.00	
Incarnation, Milwaukee, Wisconsin	1,500.00	
Resurrection, Milwaukee, Wisconsin	700.00	
St. Simeon's, Philadelphia, Pa.	2,000.00	
English Lutheran, Winnipeg, Canada	8,357.38	
English Lutheran, Winnipeg, Canada	2,481.00	
		19,294.78
		$217,291.31

SECURITIES OWNED, 31st July, 1922.

Obligations of the United States:

Liberty Loan Bonds:	Par Value	
First Conv. 4¼ pct.	$1,250.00	
Second Conv. 4¼ pct.	2,650.00	
Third 4¼ pct.	300.00	
Fourth 4¼ pct.	122,600.00	
Victory 4¾ pct.	3,050.00	
	$129,850.00	
War Savings Stamps	50.00	
		$129,900.00

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Other Securities:		
10 Shares Common Stock of the Ferncliff Realty Co., New York, par $50	$500.00	
1,000 Howard Gas Coal Co. 6 pct. First Mtge. S. F. Bonds, due 1937	1,000.00	
1,500 Baltimore & Ohio R. R. Co. 4 pct. First Mtge. Bonds, due 1948	1,500.00	
1,000 Consumers Power Co. 5 pct. First Lien and Refunding Bond, due 1936	1,000.00	
1,000 Charles M. Stough 5½ pct. (8-27-20) Mortgage Bond	1,000.00	
4,000 Lehigh Valley R. R. Co. 4½ pct. General Consolidated Mtge. Bonds, due 2003	4,000.00	
		$9,000.00
		$138,900.00

REAL ESTATE, 31st July, 1922.

Lot and Building, Harmony Grove, Pa.		$500.00
Lot and Building, Aspen, Colorado		750.00
Lot and Building, Scotland, Pa.		1,000.00
Portable Chapel No. 2, Philadelphia, Pa.		350.00
Portable Chapel No. 3, Philadelphia, Pa.		375.00
Portable Chapel, Pittsburgh, Pa.		300.00
Portable Chapel, Chicago, Ill.		300.00
Portable Chapel, East Ohio Synod		350.00
Lot and Building, Goldsboro, Pa.		400.00
Portable Chapel, Baltimore, Md.		400.00
Property, Lewisburg, Pa.		4,200.00
Property, Grand Junction, Colorado		1,800.00
Portable Chapel, Wartburg Synod		500.00
Property, David City, Nebraska		400.00
Property and Lot, York Haven, Pa.		300.00
Property, Colorado City, Colorado		100.00
Property, Lennox, South Dakota		500.00
Portable Chapel, Brooklyn, N. Y.		1,000.00
Portable Chapel, Brooklyn, N. Y.		1,000.00
Portable Chapel, Brooklyn, N. Y.		1,000.00
Dwelling House and Lots, Washington, Kansas		1,000.00
Church Property, Houston, Texas	$4,250 00	
Less, Unpaid	800.00	
		3,450.00
		$19,975.00

BUILDING LOTS AND UNIMPROVED PROPERTIES, 31st July, 1922.

Located at:	
Hugo, Colorado	$100.00
New Castle, Colorado	100 00
Sterling, Colorado	100.00
Denver Junction, Colorado	100.00
Yuma, Colorado	100.00
Glenwood Springs, Colorado	100.00
Philipsburg, Kansas	100.00

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Located at:	
Wallace, Kansas	$100.00
Ness City, Kansas	100.00
Ellsworth, Kansas	1,000.00
Central City, Kansas	100.00
Hutchinson, Kansas	400.00
Topeka, Kansas	500.00
Newton, Kansas	450.00
Greensburg, Kansas	100.00
Republic City, Kansas	100.00
Wakeeney, Kansas	100.00
Valley Falls, Kansas	165.00
New Caldwell, Kansas	100.00
La Crosse, Kansas	100.00
Wichita, Kansas	100.00
Chadron, Nebraska	100.00
Kimball, Nebraska	100.00
Hemingsford, Nebraska	100.00
Cambridge, Nebraska	100.00
Forest City, Nebraska	100.00
Valentine, Nebraska	100.00
Alma, Nebraska	100.00
Minden, Nebraska	100.00
Ord, Nebraska	100.00
Benedict, Nebraska	100.00
Springview, Nebraska	100.00
Taylor, Nebraska	100.00
Republican City, Nebraska	100.00
Sidney, Nebraska	100.00
Lodge Pole, Nebraska	100.00
Norfolk, Nebraska	200.00
Davenport, Iowa	1,000.00
Sturgis, South Dakota	175.00
Pierre, South Dakota	175.00
Brighton, Maryland	175.00
Santa Fe, New Mexico	175.00
LeRoy, Florida	100.00
Colorado Spring, Colorado	200.00
Cly, Pennsylvania	170.00
Gothenburg, Nebraska	100.00
Bloomington, Nebraska	100.00
	$8,185.00

PROPERTIES HELD IN TRUST, 31st July, 1922.

St. Luke's Lutheran Church, York, Pa.	$25,000.00
Lutheran Church, Lewisburg, Pa.	300.00
Woodlawn Lutheran Church, Chicago, Ill.	15,000.00
Interest on Parsonage, Greenleaf, Kansas	500.00
	$40,800.00

Respectfully submitted,
H. H. WEBER,
Treasurer.

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Philadelphia, Pa., 12th September, 1922.

We have audited the accounts of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension for the two years ended 31st July, 1922, and we certify that the foregoing

Receipts and Disbursements for the Year ended 31st July, 1921,
Receipts and Disbursements for the year ended 31st July, 1922,
Balance Sheet, 31st July, 1922,
Certificates of Deposit, 31st July, 1922,
Class "A" Notes and Mortgages, 31st July, 1922,
Class "A" Notes and Mortgages transferred from the General Council and held 31st July, 1922,
Securities Owned, 31st July, 1922,
Real Estate, 31st July, 1922,
Building Lots and Unimproved Properties, 31st July, 1922,
Properties held in Trust, 31st July, 1922,

are in accordance with the books of account and are correct.

LYBRAND, ROSS BROS. & MONTGOMERY,
Accountants and Auditors.

Tellers' Committee No. 3 reported and elections were declared as follows:

Commission of Adjudication

For term expiring 1928.

Rev. L. A. Fox. Judge A. E. Reiber.
Rev. J. A. W. Haas.

For term expiring 1924.

Rev. R. E. Tulloss.

Church Paper Committee

For term expiring 1928.

Rev. J. A. Morehead. L. Russell Alden, Esq.
Rev. J. E. Whitteker.

Board of Foreign Missions

For term expiring 1928.

Rev. P. W. Koller. Rev. A. Steimle.
Rev. J. S. Simon. H. P. Boyer, M. D.
Rev. L. C. Manges. Mr. Mathias P. Moller.

For term expiring 1924.

Prof. C. W. Foss.

The Chair announced that there was one layman yet to be elected for the term expiring 1928.

The Convention adjourned with prayer by the Rev. D. E. Rupley.

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Evening Service

At eight o'clock on Friday evening there was held in Holy Trinity Church a service, "With Our Missionaries on Furlough." The service was under the direction of the Board of Foreign Missions and was in charge of the Rev. E. K. Bell, President of the Board. The Rev. G. A. Benze conducted the Opening Service.

The Rev. L. B. Wolf presented the missionaries from India who in turn addressed the meeting.

Miss E. L. Weiskotten, Miss C. B. Hollerbach, Rev. S. C. Burger, Rev. G. A. Rupley, Rev. F. L. Coleman, Rev. H. E. Dickey.

The Rev. George Drach presented the missionaries from Africa and Japan each of whom had a brief message for those assembled.

From Africa: Rev. F. M. Traub, Rev. and Mrs. Jens Larsen.

From Japan: Rev. R. B. Peery (former missionary), Rev. and Mrs. C. K. Lippard, Rev. and Mrs. L. S. G. Miller, Mr. N. Asaji, Rev. I. Miura, the last two being students in America.

The Rev. Mr. Drach responded to the missionaries on behalf of the Board and the United Lutheran Church. The service was closed with prayer by the Rev. E. K. Bell.

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FOURTH MEETING

Morning Session

Saturday, October 21st, 8:45.

The Rev. J. C. Seegers conducted the morning devotions.

Acting President Burgess called the Convention to order.

The Minutes for the Thursday afternoon and Friday morning Sessions were read and approved.

On motion of Mr. C. W. Howe, the President of the Board of Foreign Missions was authorized to return the greetings of this Convention to the India Council.

The Rev. W. L. Stough, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, reported nominations for the following Boards:

Inner Mission Board
Board of Ministerial Relief
Board of Deaconess Work
National Lutheran Home for the Aged

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The nominations for the several Boards were approved and the report was adopted as a whole.

On motion of Mr. E. F. Eilert, the Secretary was instructed to place upon the ballots to be printed in the future an asterisk in front of the names of those renominated by the several Boards.

Consideration of the Report of the Home Mission Board was resumed. The Rev. J. F. Seibert, Secretary of the Central District and Acting Secretary of the Western District, was introduced by the President of the Board and addressed the Convention, paying special tribute to the memory of Dr. H. L. Yarger and Dr. Conrad Huber.

The President of the Board then introduced George E. Neff, Esq., who explained in detail the financial situation of the Board of Home Missions.

Dr. A. Stewart Hartman, Educational Secretary of the Board, was introduced and addressed the Convention reviewing the home missionary operations of the Church for a period of more than a generation.

Under the consideration of the report the Rev. G. F. Gehr moved:

"That we rescind the action taken at Washington locating the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension at Chicago."

The Chair ruled that an affirmative vote on the motion to rescind would mean simply Chicago or not Chicago, and would leave the Board at York, Pa., and that if it should be the desire of the Convention to transfer the Board to Philadelphia, a motion to that effect would afterward be necessary. After discussion of the matter at length the motion was put and lost. The President announced that the action at Washington stands and that the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension will go to Chicago.

The Report of the Board was adopted as a whole.

The President announced the elections for the day as provided for in the program and special elections for one clerical member of the Executive Board and one lay member of the Board of Foreign Missions.

The special order was taken up which was consideration of the

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report of the Committee on Women's Work and receiving of the visitor from the Women's Missionary Society.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WOMEN'S WORK

The Committee on Women's Work would respectfully report that, during the past Biennium, the only organization which has come within the sphere of this committee's activity has been the Women's Missionary Society of The United Lutheran Church in America. As the co-ordinating agency of the Church, your committee finds great pleasure in reporting to this Convention that, as from the beginning, so in the past two years a very cordial and harmonious spirit of co-operation has been maintained between the Church and this its most influential auxiliary organization.

Working along the lines of its own constitution and in keeping with the high purpose therein enunciated, the W. M. S. has not only demonstrated the efficiency of its internal organization, but by the generous financial help which it has given to our Boards as well as by the consistent educational policy which it has pursued, it has proven itself a mighty factor in developing the missionary zeal and the missionary interest of the entire Church. In the Synod, in the Conference, in the congregation, wherever it has found entrance, the influence of the W. M. S. has quickened the spiritual life of the people, widened their vision, and brought about a keener conception of Christ's Work and of the Church's responsibility for the World's salvation.

While your committee does not feel called upon to report in detail the work and activities of the W. M. S., it nevertheless permits itself the gratification of calling the attention of the Convention to the wonderful growth of the organization during the past Biennium, which today numbers 2,088 societies embracing a membership of over 64,000 souls. Two hundred new societies have been added to its roll during the Biennium; and observation proves that every local society constitutes a vital factor in the development of congregational life and exercises a power for good which makes itself felt in every phase of congregational activity.

Perhaps the most significant service which the organization renders the U. L. C. is accomplished through the Society's work among the children of the Church. More than 900 children's organizations (Light Brigade Societies) have been established. Still greater efforts are in contemplation. Co-ordinating its efforts with those of the Parish and Church School Board and the Luther League, the Society stands ready to make itself responsible for the care of children's organizations in congregations outside of regular Sunday Schools or Bible Schools throughout the entire Church. The success which has thus far attended the movement augurs well for the proper development of the future membership of our congregations. The tremendous opportunity and the vast responsibility of this work magnifies to a still larger degree the importance of the position which the W. M. S. occupies in the United Lutheran Church.

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Special attention is directed to the scope and character of the literature published by the Society. In line with its policy of education large appropriations are made annually for this purpose, and the best talent of the Church is consistently employed in its production, with the result that the literature issued is not only of a high order, but compares favorably with that of any other denomination in the country. The regular use of these publications can not but help very materially to develop true church membership and further the manifold aims of the Society and the work it seeks to accomplish.

The far-reaching character and the broad scope of the Society's operations become apparent when we notice that, in accordance with its announced policy, the organization aims to support, as far as possible, every woman worker in the employ of the Boards of the Church, in addition to the aid which it gives to many other features of their work. This same generous help is also extended to special objects whose appeals come to the Society from time to time.

To cover all these operations a budget of more than $644,000 is projected by the organization, which in itself is an enlightening commentary on the activities of the Society. A study of this budget, a copy of which is appended, is recommended for a clearer appreciation of the Women's Work. A special work worth mentioning was the effort on the part of the W. M. S. to increase the number of subscribers to *The Lutheran*. As a result of this attempt, 9,450 new names were added to the subscription list, besides over 3,000 renewals. No one can estimate the benefits which accrue to the whole Church through such helpful co-operation with its Boards.

Your committee feels that this report would not be complete without calling attention to the spirit of earnestness, loyalty, and zeal which pervades the entire organization of the W. M. S. This spirit is fostered by the influence and example of the members of the Executive Board of the Society, whose devotion and untiring energy is reflected in every department of the organization. This same spirit manifests itself in the congregational society, and constitutes the secret of that large measure of success which has attended the labors of the Society.

The committee commends the organization for its splendid work as an auxiliary of the Church; and prays that the blessings of the Great Head of the Church may continue to prosper its consecrated endeavor.

Respectfully submitted for the Committee,

F. A. KAEHLER,
J. B. MARKWARD,
W. H. SHEPFER,
M. J. BIEBER,
D. A. DAVY,
S. G. MCDOWELL,
W. D. C. KEITER, *Chairman.*

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REPORT OF THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

To the United Lutheran Church in America. Greetings:

"Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." With grateful acknowledgment of Divine guidance and favor throughout the past biennium, the Executive Board of the Women's Missionary Society submits this report of the Society's activities during that period.

Organization.

September 17, 1920, the members-elect met in Chicago, Ill., at the close of the biennial convention, for organization. The five general officers and fifteen members-at-large constituted the Executive Board, namely: Mrs. J. G. Traver, president; Mrs. S. R. Kepner, vice-president; Mrs. W. F. Morehead, recording secretary; Mrs. F. E. Jensen, statistical secretary, and Mrs. W. C. Weier, treasurer, with Mrs. H. C. Bell, Mrs. J. G. Bringman, Mrs. J. C. Casselman, Mrs. J. M. Cook, Mrs. F. F. Fry, Mrs. J. A. Hemsing, Miss Zoe I. Hirt, Mrs. H. D. Hoover, Mrs. J. B. Markward, Mrs. H. C. Michael, Miss Flora Prince, Mrs. J. W. Richards, Mrs. P. M. Rossman, Mrs. H. C. Ter Vehn and Mrs. C. F. Stifel, members-at-large. Mrs. J. G. Traver was elected president; Mrs. C. F. Stifel, vice-president; Mrs. H. C. Michael, recording secretary; Mrs. Helen C. Beegle, executive secretary.

Administrative Committee.—At its first meeting, the Administrative Committee: Mrs. J. G. Traver, Miss Zoe I. Hirt, Mrs. F. E. Jensen, Mrs. H. C. Michael, Miss Flora Prince, Mrs. C. F. Stifel and Mrs. W. C. Meier, elected officers as follows: Mrs. C. F. Stifel, chairman; Mrs. F. E. Jensen, vice-chairman, and Mrs. H. C. Michael, recording secretary.

Board of Trustees.

The Board of Trustees elected the following officers: Mrs. F. F. Fry, president; Mrs. J. G. Bringman, vice-president; Mrs. F. E. Jensen, recording secretary; Miss Flora Prince, treasurer.

Meetings.

The Executive Board held eight quarterly meetings. Regular representatives to those meetings were: a member of the Literature Committee, the Editor of *Lutheran Woman's Work,* and the Chairman of the Committee on Women's Work of the United Lutheran Church, also foreign missionaries on furlough, home missionaries, and department secretaries, as occasional visitors. The Administrative Committee held ad interim meetings between meetings of the Executive Board, to transact urgent business.

The Board of Trustees held its meetings at the same time as the Executive Board.

All these meetings have been held at executive headquarters, Pittsburgh, Pa.

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Appointments by Executive Board.

Advisory members were appointed to attend the meetings of the following Boards of the Church: Deaconess, Foreign Missions, Home Missions and Church Extension, Inner Missions, Ministerial Relief, West Indies and the Board of Education. The more intimate knowledge of the work of these Boards thus gained, strengthened interest and co-operation.

Department Secretaries were appointed to stimulate interest and establish system in the various departments of work, and the service thus rendered resulted in advance, throughout synodical and conference organizations.

Interdenominational Affiliation.

As in former years, great benefit resulted from interdenominational affiliation with leaders in mission study and promotion of best methods in mission enterprise.

Fulfillment of Policy.

The fulfillment of the Society's policy has been given prominence throughout the biennium, continuous effort having been exerted "to stimulate and promote interest in mission work, by disseminating missionary information, by promoting missionary education and by aiding financially the missionary activities of the Church through its regularly established boards."

Also diligence has been exercised in the endeavor "to co-ordinate the work of the Society with that of the Church, and, likewise, to co-ordinate and unite the work of the Synodical Societies composing the Women's Missionary Society." The further aim "to maintain and extend organization, until in every congregation of the United Lutheran Church there shall be a Women's Missionary Society" has called forth studied endeavor to extend organization in conference and synodical districts.

Co-operation.

The happy fraternal relations with the General Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church, established during the preceding biennium, have been strengthened and co-operation with the Boards of the Church with which the Society affiliates has continued with undiminished loyalty. Also the activities of the Conference and Synodical Societies were characterized by a manifest spirit of loyalty to the established work of the Society.

Administration.

The Society's activities and its every interest, as directed by the Executive Board, received earnest consideration. At all times harmony prevailed, with just such differences of opinion as tended to insure caution in legislation.

At times, perplexing problems presented; a chief perplexity being the lack of funds to meet the needs of the mission fields, home and foreign. We ask for the approval of the included budget estimate for the next biennium, hoping that, with the funds thus specified provided, the needs of the work the Society has undertaken may be more adequately met.

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Funds of the Society.

The receipts for the biennium totalled $648,202.74. The sources of this income were the regular monthly membership contributions, constituting the general fund, and voluntary contributions from members and friends of the Society. Chief among the latter offerings have been the annual Thank-offering, the Christmas offering, the Lenten offering, Life Membership and In Memoriam fees, bequests and annuities; also the support of missionaries, of Bible women and scholarships has been an appreciable addition to the Society's funds.

Support of Foreign Missionaries.

By Synodical Societies, etc.

Miss Anna S. Kugler, M.D., Sc.D.....East Pennsylvania
Miss Agnes I. Schade.....Pittsburgh
Miss Jessie Brewer.....West Pennsylvania
Miss Mary Baer, M.A., M.D.....Maryland
Miss Emilie Weiskotten.....Ministerium of Pennsylvania
Miss Betty A. Nilsson, M.D.....Augustana Synod
Miss Florence M. Welty, B.A.....Indiana
Miss Lilith Schwab.....Kansas
Sister Laura Gilliland.....Pittsburgh
Sister Jennie Larmouth.....Ohio
Sister Ruth Robeson.....Alleghany
Miss Marie C. Martens, R.N.....Illinois
Miss Elsie R. Otto.....West Virginia
Miss Reba M. Hendrickson.....Missionary Union, Washington, D. C.
Miss E. Pauline Whitteker, R.N.....Friends, Lancaster Conference Society
Ministerium of Pennsylvania

By Congregations.

Miss Mary S. Borthwick....."Holy Communion," Philadelphia, Pa.
Rev. J. Henry Harms, D.D., Pastor
Miss Agatha Tatge....."Advent," New York City,
Rev. N. Steimle, D.D., Pastor
Miss Bertha Koenig....."Messiah," S. Williamsport, Pa.,
Rev. R. G. Bannen, D.D., Pastor
Miss Eleanor A. Lange....."Emmanuel," Souderton, Pa.,
Rev. Warren Nickel, Pastor
Miss Metta K. Blair....."Kountze Memorial," Omaha, Neb.,
Rev. O. D. Baltzly, D.D., Pastor
Miss Alice J. Nickel....."Church of the Good Shepherd," Brooklyn, N. Y.
Rev. C. D. Trexler, D.D., Pastor.

By Young Women's Department.

Miss Louise A. Miller.....India
Miss Mary Lou Bowers.....Japan
Miss Mabel A. Dysinger.....Africa

By Junior Department.

Miss Christina Eriksson.....India
Miss Annie E. Powlas.....Japan

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Support of Home Missions.

The entire or partial support of the following Home Missions has been contributed:

Clarksburg, W. Va.....Maryland Synodical Society
Kalamazoo, Mich.....Michigan Synodical Society
Champaign, Ill. (now self-supporting).....Illinois Synodical Society
Belmont Park, Ill.....Illinois Synodical Society
Columbus, Ohio (Indianola Ave. Mission).....Ohio Synodical Society
Wyomissing, Pa., (now self-supporting), Ministerium of Pennsylvania Society
New Kingston, Pa.....Ministerium of Pennsylvania Society
Lynchburg, Va.....Virginia Synodical Society
Butler, Pa. ("Trinity").....Pittsburgh Synodical Society
Waukesha, Wis...Wisconsin Conference Society, Synod of the Northwest
New Salem, N. Dakota.....Alleghany Synodical Society
Wautauga, N. C.....Junior Department
Spring Garden Valley, Pittsburgh, Pa. (Settlement Work),
Pittsburgh Synodical Society

Patrons and Proteges.

Assuming the support of Bible women in the foreign fields has become more generally and favorably understood, as affording special objects for such organizations and individuals as desire to have a feature of the work of the Society distinctively their own, likewise, the support of girl-students in the schools conducted by our women missionaries has been assumed, such contributions increasing the appropriations for the schools and making the Christian education of more of India's girls and young women possible. Then, too, as many such patrons testify, supporting a Bible woman or a girl-student becomes a personal link with the worker or the student in a foreign field.

At present the list of our proteges includes 131 Bible women in India. two in Japan and nineteen patrons have assumed the support of the entire staff of women native workers in Africa. Also 123 scholarships in India have been assumed and thirty-eight in Africa. Several scholarships for Vellore Medical College have been assumed, the $100 thus contributed making possible the medical education of one young Indian woman for one year. Special cases of support of mission workers are Miss Minnie Moses, Stall School, Guntur, whose support is contributed by the Luther League of Southwest Virginia Synod, and Miss M. Paru, M.P., Dr. Kugler's Indian assistant, who is supported by a group of six devoted workers.

Patron and protege work in the West Indies is under consideration, whilst the kindergarten work in Japan is our best established school work.

Home Missions.

Forty Home Missions were receiving appropriations towards their support, at the opening of the biennium. The number attaining self-support, during the biennium was thirteen, whilst thirteen have been added to the list.

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Self-Supporting.

First, Oakland, Cal.....Rev. G. H. Hillermann, D.D.
"Grace," San Jose, Calif.....Rev. W. E. Crouser, D.D.
"Grace," Scranton, Pa.....Rev. F. V. Christ
"Christ," Alameda, Calif.....Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.
"Trinity," Long Beach, Calif.....Rev. D. J. Snyder
"Advent," Brooklyn, N. Y.....Rev. A. F. Waltz
"Grace," Champaign, Ill.....Rev. F. B. Heibert, D.D.
"Mt. Zion," Chicago, Ill.....Rev. D. L. McConnell
"St. John's," Council Bluffs, Iowa.....Rev. C. G. Ringer
"Emmanuel," High Point, N. C.....Rev. P. D. Brown
"Virginia Heights," Roanoke, Va.....Rev. O. F. Blackwelder
"Atonement," Wyomissing, Pa.....Rev. J. L. Deaton
"Rosemont," Bethlehem, Pa.....Rev. H. J. Croushore

Loans for church erection and the payment of interest on such loans secured otherwise have been a feature of church extension work for the biennium. The dedication of four churches marked the improvement of church property, and the biennium closes with several requests for loans and payment of interest for church erection.

Several missions have so advanced as to give promise of soon becoming self-supporting, but certain others continue in a doubtful state of existence. There have been but few changes of pastors, which loyal service is appreciated. As yet, we cannot report a *Women's Missionary Society* in *every* home mission receiving aid from the Society.

The monthly appropriations to home missions have been $1,960, with church extension appropriations special.

Missions have been assisted in seventeen states and Canada, namely: California, Colorado, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Tennessee, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Central Canada.

Immigrant Mission.

Immigrants' Mission work has been the contribution of funds for the support of Italian, Slavic, etc., students, for the ministry to their own people.

Inner Mission.

Settlement work in Pittsburgh is one of the specials of the Pittsburgh Synodical Society, and a blessed work is being done for the families of the Spring Garden Valley.

Jewish Mission.

The support of a woman assistant in Messiah Hebrew Lutheran Mission, Philadelphia, has been the extent of our Society's work.

Education.

The Society has continued its appropriation to this Board, in recognition of the services of its Women Secretaries in presenting mission service to the young women attending colleges and universities.

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West Indies.

The support of a woman missionary in Porto Rico and of two Homes for Children in the Virgin Islands has been assumed, Miss Sofia Probst being the worker in Porto Rico.

Foreign Missions.

Of the work of our foreign missionaries and, indeed, of all our missionaries, what tongue can tell or what pen write worthily thereof?

India.

India has been a field of "labors abundant" in the *Medical Department,* in the educational department and in zenana work. The three hospitals for women and children, located at Guntur, Chirala and Rajahmundry, with their adjacent dispensaries have ministered to thousands and been a blessing to their respective communities.

Dr. Anna S. Kugler, ably assisted by Dr. Eleanor B. Wolf and Dr. Paru, with Miss Katherine Fahs, R.N., and her staff of assistants at the Guntur Hospital; Dr. Betty A. Nilsson and later Dr. Elizabeth Reese-Wilkins, with Miss Hilma Levine, R.N., and Miss C. Eriksson, R.N., at the Rajahmundry Hospital; Dr. Mary Baer, with the assistance of native women at the Chirala Hospital are in charge of the medical department.

The Educational Department has prospered during the biennium, boarding schools for girls at Guntur and Rajahmundry, superintended, respectively, by Miss Nelson and Miss Welty (Guntur) and Miss Schade and Miss Christenson (Rajahmundry), prepared young women for teaching, the former sending pupils to Madras College and Vellore Medical College. The seven district schools for girls, under the supervision of Misses Thomas, Borthwick, Sanford, Weiskotten, Lange, Emma Baer and Mrs. Neudoerfer have done good work, as usual. The special schools for Bible training by Miss Brewer and Mrs. Neudoerfer, the lace department under the supervision of Miss Hollerbach, the nurses' training conducted by Misses Fahs, Eriksson and Steigerwalt, are important institutions.

Zenana Work.—Miss Schuff, Miller and others named above superintend the zenana work, instructing the nearly two hundred women who visit in the homes. The women's societies, organized for the purpose of training the women in church and community work, are proving especially helpful.

Madras and Vellore Colleges.—The first young women of the mission to complete the B.A. course at Madras Christian College for Women and the medical course at Vellore Medical College are now employed respectively as a teacher, and as a sub-surgeon in one of our hospitals. Still other young women are enrolled in these two institutions and in the training schools for the "Licentiate Teacher's" degree.

Equipment.—Special needs have been supplied by affording special equipment: Three automobiles, two houseboats, a typewriter, victrolas and pic-

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tures. Such gifts and conveniences lighten labor and cause the missionaries to rejoice.

Africa.

Muhlenberg Mission has experienced joys and sorrows during the biennium. Building operations have progressed to the completion of the Phoebe Hospital, and the new building for the E. V. Day Memorial School for Girls is nearing completion.

Our missionaries have served at several stations during the biennium, enjoying the results of their labors. Greater responsibilities have been committed to the native workers, and thus the assistants are becoming more capable.

Japan.

Kindergarten work and special work among women and girls engages our missionaries in Japan. The completion of the Women "Missionaries' Home" has afforded a special opportunity for work at Kumamoto. Miss Potts and Miss Hendrickson, sent out during this biennium, are busily engaged in the study of the language, preparatory to the opening of the girls' school, for which a building is greatly needed. Two pianos for the kindergartens and a small picture machine were among the special gifts to this field.

South America.

The Society's contribution to the work at Buenos Aires, South America, has been to the support of the schools for girls and the salary of a helper in work among women.

Our Missionaries.

Missionaries Retired.—Dr. Eleanor B. Wolf, now Dr. Eleanor Wolf-Stewart, Miss Rebekah Hoffman, now Mrs. H. P. Davies, Miss Tillie Nelson, Dr. Betty Nilsson and Miss Susan Monroe, after years of consecrated service in India returned to this country during the biennium. The two first-named have assumed other responsibilities, and the last three will be detained in this country for some time.

New Missionaries.—The missionaries commissioned and sent to India during the biennium were: Mrs. Elizabeth Reese-Wilkins, M.D., Miss Mary R. Fleming, M.D., Miss Blanche De Remer, R.N., Miss Mette K. Blair, R.N., Miss Maida Meissner, R.N., Miss Viola Steigerwalt, R.N., Miss E. Pauline Whitteker, R.N., Miss Selma Anderson, M.A., Miss Edna Engle, M.A., Miss Lilith Schwab, Miss Alice Nickel and Miss Marion Eyster.

To Africa.—Miss Marie Martens, R.N., Sister Ruth Robeson, Miss Elsie Otto, Miss Mary E. Bauer, R.N.

To Japan.—Miss Marion Potts, A.B., Miss Reba Hendrickson, Miss Helen Shirk.

To South America.—Mrs. Anna Mueller.

Under Appointment.—To India, Miss Isie Weygandt, B.A.

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Outlook for the New Biennium.

In reviewing the past biennium and considering the achievements, we anticipate larger results for the new biennium. A realization of our hopes and prayers for the extension of organization, which will mean enlarged funds, and consecration to mission service by still other young women, will mean advance.

A survey of the work carried on during the past biennium with such enlargement as seems necessary and possible, calls for the following appropriations during the new biennium 1922-24.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH BUDGET FOR BIENNIUM 1922-24.

(To be adopted at the Pittsburgh convention.)

Home Field.

Appropriations, support of Home Missions (salaries)	$ 75,000.00
Appropriations, Church Extension	40.000.00
Immigrant Missions, Education of Students	10,000 00
Inner Missions, Settlement Work, Pittsburgh, Pa.	3,800.00
Jewish Missions, Women Assistant, Philadelphia, Pa.	2,400 00
Board of Education, Salary, Secretaries Women Students	6,000.00
West Indies, Support of Missionary and Children	5,400 00
Board of Ministerial Relief	10,000.00
	$152,600.00

Foreign Fields.

Africa:	
Salaries	$ 13,500.00
Budget	8,000 00
Travel Appropriations	6.000.00
Building Operations	15,000.00
	$ 42,500.00
India:	
Salaries	$ 50,000.00
Budget	107,000 00
Travel	14.000.00
Building	60.000.00
India Colleges, Madras and Vellore	4,000.00
	$235,000.00
Japan:	
Salaries	$ 12,000.00
Budget	26.400.00
Travel	2.000.00
Building	75,000.00
	$115,400.00
South America:	
Salaries and Budget	$ 8,200.00

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GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS.

Literature	$ 36,000.00
Departments	15,000.00
Biennial Convention	12,000.00
Medical Education in America	9,600.00
Administration, Office, Salaries, Executive Board	18,200.00
	$ 90,800.00

SUMMARY.

Home Missions	$152,600.00
Foreign Missions	401,100.00
General Appropriations	90,800.00
Total Budget	$642,500.00

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. J. G. TRAVER, *President.*
MRS. HELEN C. BEEGLE, *Executive Secretary.*

Mrs. Sydney R. Kepner, the President of the Women's Missionary Society, was conducted to the platform by Dr. Keller. She brought greetings of the Society to the Convention. She spoke of the work of the Society and thanked the Convention for the privilege of advisory membership on the various Boards of the Church. She called attention to the remarkable strides of the Light Brigade, to the literature of the Society, the work the Society is doing for women in the foreign fields and a proposed survey of conditions among the mountainfolk in the South. She appealed for organization of societies in congregations and efforts to increase membership of existing societies. The slogan for the year is, "A Missionary Organization in Every Congregation of our United Lutheran Church."

At the request of the President, the Rev. George J. Gongaware responded to the greetings of the Society. He said, "There is not a gentleman present who has not a feeling of profound appreciation for the work of your Society. There are two groups of us: first of all, the clergymen of this audience have an opportunity to rise to this toast: 'The Women's Missionary Society of the United Lutheran Church; your Devotion, our Delight.' The Laymen also lift their hats with the greatest respect, to this Society, and offer this toast: 'The Women's Missionary Society of the United Lutheran Church; your Achievements, our Challenge.' And as a United Body of clergy and laity we shall offer this as our toast: 'The Women's Missionary Society of the

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United Lutheran Church; your holy Purpose, our Pride.'" The Convention adopted these sentiments by a rising vote.

The Report of the Committee on Women's Work was adopted.

The Convention adjourned with prayer by the Rev. Harlan K. Fenner.

FIFTH MEETING

Morning Session

Monday, October 23rd, 8:45.

Morning devotions were conducted by the Rev. A. C. Schenck.

Acting President Burgess called the Convention to order.

The Minutes of Friday afternoon and Saturday morning Sessions were read and approved.

Tellers Committee No. 3 reported and elections were declared as follows:

Board of Foreign Missions

For Term Expiring 1928

Mr. H. L. Bonham

Immigrants' Mission Board

For Term Expiring 1928

Rev. J. Elmer Bittle
Rev. George Gebert
Rev. E. W. Simon
Mr. R. J. Sautter

For Term Expiring 1926

Mr. Frank M. Fox

Committee on Jewish Missions

For Term Expiring 1928

Rev. M. L. Enders
Rev. F. O. Evers
Rev. E. R. McCauley
Mr. H. L. Snyder

There is one clergyman yet to be elected for this term.

For Term Expiring 1926

Rev. Alvin E. Bell

Board of Home Missions and Church Extension

For Term Expiring 1928

Rev. O. D. Baltzly
Rev. C. E. Gardner
Rev. G. F. Gehr
Rev. O. H. Gruver
Mr. C. H. Boyer
Mr. C. J. Driever
George E. Neff, Esq.

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For Term Expiring 1926

Rev. J. M. Bramkamp

For Term Expiring 1924

Dr. G. E. Holtzapple

West Indies Mission Board

For Term Expiring 1928

Rev. S. N. Carpenter
Rev. F. U. Gift.
Rev. W. M. Horn
Rev. J. J. Scherer
Dr. M. S. Boyer

The Committee reported that there were two laymen yet to be elected for this term.

For Term Expiring 1924

Rev. F. H. Bosch
Mr. J. H. Brandt

Board of Northwestern Missions

For Term Expiring 1928

Rev. Theo. Hartig
Rev. Ph. Kirchner
Rev. O. C. D. Klaehm
Rev. Ch. Knudten
Rev. O. Krauch
Mr. M. Wulff

The Committee announced that there was one layman yet to be elected for this term.

For Term Expiring 1924

Rev. G. H. Michelmann
Mr. August Becker

One clergyman yet to be elected for term expiring 1924.

The Committee reported that Saturday's election for a member of the Executive Board was without result.

The President announced that there would be another election for a clerical member of the Executive Board today and that in addition to elections necessary as indicated by the report of the Tellers there would be elections today for members of the Board of Education, the Parish and Church School Board and the Board of Publication.

The Rev. A. J. Turkle had charge in the presentation of the Report of the Board of Education.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Mr. President and Delegates to the Third Convention of the United Lutheran Church in America:

Fathers and Brethren: In the report of your Board of Education submitted two years ago there was set forth in considerable detail a statement of the Board's principles and policies, its interpretation of its constitutional functions and its proposed methods of operation in carrying out these func-

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tions. The convention at Washington unanimously approved of that statement of scope of work and methods of operation, and the Board during the past biennium has proceeded according to the principle and methods then set forth and herewith presents its report of the efforts made and the results achieved. On the whole the report is full of encouragement and hope. The outstanding feature of the record is the phenomenal, post-war increase in attendance at all of our schools. In the reports from institutions it will be noted that a number of our institutions feel compelled to consider the policy of restricting the attendance. This greatly increased attendance has also multiplied the financial and other problems of administration. These increased financial necessities of our schools on the one hand and the financial retrenchment by the Board for the second year of the biennium, made necessary by the failure of the Church to give the opportioned amount, on the other hand, made this biennium and this report of unusual seriousness and significance. The work of the Board has been carried out through its several departments, as will be set forth later. The cause is the fundamental and most far-reaching in the life of the Church and your earnest attention to and prayerful co-operation in the work of this agency are most urgently solicited. Christian Education is, without doubt, the most timely and important theme in the thoughts of leaders, whether in church or secular circles. Your Board of Education, dealing with the cause in its various phases, craves and deserves your steadfast sympathetic attitude and ever increasing support.

I—Matters of Record.

Organization.

At the Washington Convention were elected to this Board:

For two years:

Rev. E. E. Blint, D.D.,
Mr. John M. Snyder.

For four years:

Hon. Augustus S. Downing, LL.D.

For six years:

Rev. Alonzo J. Turkle, D.D.,
Rev. George J. Gongaware, D.D.,
Rev. Howard R. Gold,
Rev. H. G. Buehler, Litt. D.,
Mr. Henry Denhart,
Hon. Frank M. Riter, LL.D.,
W. T. Stauffer, Esq.

The Advisory members of the past Biennium have been:

From the Women's Missionary Society:

Mrs. S. R. Kepner,
Miss Sarah VanGundy.

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From the Augustana Synod:

Prof. D. A. Leonard.

The following officers were elected by the Board for the Biennium:

President, Rev. Alonzo J. Turkle, D.D.
Vice-President, Rev. George J. Gongaware, D.D.
Recording Secretary, Rev. Howard R. Gold.
Treasurer, Mr. John M. Snyder.

Upon the resignation of Robbin B. Wolf, Esq., in view of his election to the Executive Board, his successor on the Board of Education, Glenn M. Cummings, Esq., of Cleveland, Ohio, was nominated by the Board of Education and elected by the Executive Board for the balance of the biennium.

The Executive Staff for the work of the Board is as follows:

Departmental Secretaries.

Miss Mary E. Markley, Women Students,
437 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Rev. Carolus P. Harry, Students in State Universities,
210 W. Fornance Street, Norristown, Pa.

Rev. Charles S. Bauslin, D.D., College Secretary,
Evangelical Building, Harrisburg, Pa.

Rev. Frederick G. Gotwald, D.D., Executive Secretary,
47 Market Street, York, Pa.

Rev. Paul H. Krauss, Secretary for University Students, had resigned in December, 1920.

The nominations of the Board for the terms which expire at this Convention are as follows:

For unexpired term of two years:

G. M. Cummings, Esq., Cleveland, Ohio.

For full term of six years:

Rev. L. F. Gruber, D.D., LL.D., St. Paul, Minn.
Rev. J. H. Harms, D.D., Philadelphia, Pa.
Rev. M. J. Kline, D.D., Altoona, Pa.
Rev. Henry W. Snyder, Johnstown, Pa.
Mr. John M. Snyder, Elkins Park, Pa.
Mr. F. W. Albrecht, Akron, Ohio.
Mr. Emil Hokanson, Milwaukee, Wis.

Location of Board.

The Washington Convention (see p. 108 of Minutes) adopted the following:

"That accordingly the Boards be located with the beginning of the third Biennium as was recommended by the Joint Committee."

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Without awaiting the third Biennium (1922-1924) the Board of Education has held its meetings in Washington, as contemplated in the recommendation above referred to, during the past biennium—but its conviction is that it would make neither for economy nor efficiency of administration to transfer its executive staff to Washington, at least for the present. In this present policy it bespeaks the approval of the Convention.

Beginnings of University Student Work.

Attention has been called to what seems to have been an inaccuracy in the report of the Board two years ago which was inadvertently made in reciting some of the early experiences in the University Student Work as originally conducted by the former General Council. For the sake of historical fairness and accuracy the Board would herewith make the following statement which it regards as a correct statement of the beginnings of this important Department of its work.

It was in July of 1907 when the University Student Work in the Lutheran Church in this country began at Madison, Wisconsin, at which time the Board of Home Missions of the General Council, then under the administration of Rev. J. C. Kunzmann, D.D., General Secretary, located a pastor at the University of Wisconsin at that place, with instructions to study the field and ascertain whether the Luther students there would welcome a pastor and Church that aimed to meet especially their religious needs. Through the efforts of Rev. W. K. Frick, of Milwaukee, and the District Field Missionary of the Home Mission Board, Rev. A. C. Anda, services had been conducted for several months, chiefly by students from the Chicago Theological Seminary.

Thus was made possible the organization of a congregation of thirty-six members, composed of both students and townspeople. A call was extended by the congregation, in co-operation with the Home Mission Board, to Rev. Howard R. Gold to become pastor, and thus the first University Student Pastorate was established.

From this time a definite policy and program of work was developed and maintained without interruption. From this beginning it was extended to other universities. At the meeting of the General Council in Minneapolis, a few years later, a special committee was charged with the supervision and promotion of this Department of Work. Thus when the United Lutheran Church was organized, the program of activities and the funds of this committee were merged into the newly created Board of Education, members of this committee becoming members of this Board.

Since the merger the work has been continued and greatly enlarged in scope, as the Department of Religious Work in State Universities of the Board of Education of the United Lutheran Church in America.

Budget.

The Board closed the Biennium 1918-1920 in arrears on its promised appropriations to institutions to the extent of $20,000, due to the non-

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payment by the Church of its full apportionment. This unpaid balance had to be carried over into the Biennium as an obligation still due our schools. In view of the prospects and plans for a Stewardship Department adopted at the Washington Convention the Board felt warranted in continuing practically the same amount for institutions ($105,500) as its Budget for the first year of the Biennium. But again the receipts of the Church were disappointing, only sixty-five per cent. of the apportionment being received. The result was a further increase of the arrearage to institutions. The Budget for the second year of the Biennium was, therefore, drastically reduced, in most cases sixty per cent., and the institutions notified that even these greatly reduced appropriations could be paid only if the Church provided the funds. The arrearages of the previous years have now been paid, but for the second year of the Biennium payments only to October first have been made, leaving a balance promised our institutions to August 1, 1922, of $40,000, for the ten months since October 1, 1921. The need for this by all our Schools is most serious, in some cases even tragic in its acuteness. Hence we asked the Finance Committee of the Executive Board to add this amount to our apportionment for the coming biennium, $20,000 for each year. This is absolutely needed, for even if the Board should reduce its appropriations to some of the stronger schools, as contemplated in an action adopted at the Washington Convention, this amount would be more than required for increased appropriations to some of the more needy of our twenty-eight institutions, not to mention the greatly desired expansion of our other departments. Hence unless this arrearage is cared for by an increase of apportionment, the future normal work of the Board would be seriously crippled until the arrearages could be paid. For the Board regards these past promises to our schools as a moral obligation, particularly as our schools, on the strength of these promises, have in turn assumed obligations, which the Board's delay in payments has made most burdensome.

Survey Commission Report.

In compliance with the action of the Washington Convention (see Minutes, p. 495) the Board of Education appointed its Executive Secretary to represent it in making the proposed Missionary and Educational surveys in the Northwest and on the Pacific Coast. The Commission's full report has been made to the respective Boards whose three representatives composed the Commission. The Board of Education adopted the Report and its findings unanimously. By common consent of the three agencies involved the text of the Report is to be presented to this Convention through the Report of the Executive Board, whose President, Dr. Knubel, was Chairman of the Commission.

Appeal for Saskatoon College and Seminary.

In accordance with the action of the United Lutheran Church in the Washington Convention the Northwestern Mission Board and the Board of Education laid the needs of the institution before the Church, and fol-

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lowed it with an appeal in the spring of 1921. From this appeal the sum of $8,139.22 was realized in cash.

The appeal was repeated in February, 1922, and the following months, with a result that an additional amount of $12,354.94 was obtained in cash.

The second part of the appeal was especially made through the officers of the synods, with a suggested quota for each body. Two of the synods have voted to pay their unraised quotas from the Synod treasury. During September the appeal will again be stressed.

Gifts.

Grateful acknowledgment is, herewith, made of the several gifts made to the Board during the Biennium. An annuity gift of $12,500 by anonymous friends of the cause was the largest. Others were the $1,000 Scholarship Fund for Young Women, from Mrs. F. E. Dussel, of Alliance, Ohio, and a bequest of $300 from the late Mrs. Anna M. Lake, of Gettysburg, Pa., the widow of the late Rev. Dr. John W. Lake.

Literature.

In addition to the publications of the several Departments, as reported by them, the Board has published "Religion and the Tendency of Modern Science" by former President Elson of Thiel College; "Religious Education" by Secretary Charles S. Bauslin, and "The Place of Scholarship in Ministerial Training" by Rev. Prof. S. G. Hefelbower, D.D., of Carthage College, and is about to issue "The Christian College" by President Tulloss of Wittenberg College, an Educational Handbook in behalf of the general cause and a special volume in behalf of recruiting.

Co-operation with the Brotherhood.

Several conferences with the officials of the Lutheran Brotherhood were held, looking toward co-operation in carrying out the Brotherhood's efforts in behalf of Christian Education. The Board of Education has gladly co-operated in the matter of supplying the literature for the Brotherhood meetings for the study of the work of the Church in Christian Education.

The Brotherhood has not found it feasible to carry out the project of building a chapel for the University Student Work in Boston, as contemplated two years ago. But it is co-operating with the Board of Foreign Missions in the raising of $5,000 for a dormitory for the Boys' School at Kumamoto, Japan; thus combining the missionary and educatoinal features in the first financial objective which it set before its membership.

A Woman's College.

At their fall conventions in 1921 the Synods of East Pennsylvania, West Pennsylvania and Maryland took actions looking toward the establishment of a Standard College for women under Church control and auspices. The Board of Education welcomed this important initiative action and appointed a committee of seven to co-operate. Several joint committee meetings have been held, other Synods (east of Ohio and north of North

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Carolina) have been invited to participate, scope and standards have been considered and it is hoped that during the coming Biennium this long desired educational facility for the young women of the Church will have been established. Rev. Dr. J. H. Harms is Chairman of the Joint Committee.

Possible Inter-Synodical College Co-operation.

As early as April, 1919, the President of the Norwegian Lutheran Church proposed to the President of The United Lutheran Church in America a basis for the co-operative control and administration of that Synod's Junior College at Spokane, Washington. This plan was to include the United Lutheran Church in America, the Joint Synod of Ohio and the Augustana Synod in the proposed joint undertaking. The necessity for such combining of educational efforts had become obvious after the very difficult and unsuccessful efforts by these other Lutheran bodies to establish and conduct by themselves successful standard colleges. The Spokane Institution was visited by our Executive Secretary in connection with his visit to Spokane with the Survey Commission. In spite of our limited constituency in eastern Washington this Board stands ready to recommend our participation in such a joint effort at Spokane.

However, nothing further was ever presented by the authorities of the Norwegian Lutheran Church and the whole proposal is, therefore, no farther advanced than when the original tender was made by President Stub. Complying with an overture to the Washington Convention from the Pacific Synod (see Minutes, p. 491) our representative also investigated the proposal of the authorities of the Norwegian Lutheran Church Institution at Tacoma, Washington (Parkland), to convert this Institution, which is now hardly a junior college, into a full standard College under the joint auspices of the same four General Bodies which were included in the Spokane plan. This project has the hearty approval of our Pacific Synod and the Board of Education will also gladly recommend a favorable attitude by The United Lutheran Church, should the opportunity for such a joint undertaking come before it in a tangible and equitable form. Assurances to this effect were given by our representative to the Norwegian Lutheran Conference authorities who were met at Seattle. The local representatives of the Joint Synod of Ohio and of the Augustana Synod also seemed entirely favorable. All are agreed that it is financially impracticable for any one of the General Bodies alone to successfully maintain a Standard College on the Pacific Coast. Hence if any Lutheran College is to be achieved in that section it can only be done by the united financial backing of all the General Bodies occupying that territory. This necessity and this method of college operations in the Northwest and on the Pacific Coast have been recognized by the action of the Washington Convention (see Minutes, p. 491), the report of the Survey Commission concerning "the location of any (college) institutions for the Coast," and the conviction of the Board itself as herewith expressed. Negotiations with the Norwegian Lutheran Church Educational

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Board are now pending. This policy will, therefore, be consistently followed and encouragement given at every opportunity afforded for such joint efforts by the authorities of the General Bodies concerned. We are hopeful that in carrying out this policy the newly constituted Board of Education of the Augustana Synod (which Body already co-operates in University Student Work) will be a sympathetic and valuable colleague. We ask for full power, subject to the approval of the Executive Board, to make effective any wise and feasible inter-Synodical co-operative plans which may become available during the coming biennium in the Northwest or on the Pacific Coast.

Standardization of Colleges.

The Board of Education has been asked several times to institute efforts for the more accurate classification of the various Educational Institutions of The United Lutheran Church. This it has not, as yet, been either inclined or prepared to do, particularly in view of the transition period of the Church and her Institutions immediately following the merger and also in view of the great variety of local and Synodical antecedents and requirements throughout the Church. It has felt also that the Church would be unprepared for the startling revelations which might be made in such a standardizing exhibit. However, the time has now come, in the progressive application by the Board of its Constitutional functions, to make clear to the Church the progress of Educational Standards which are beeing adopted and enforced throughout the educational circles of our country, standards with which our Church Institutions are in direct and trying competition and to the benefit of which higher advantages our youth are entitled in their educational progress. Herewith is presented what may be regarded as a fair statement of the minimum requirements for accredited colleges.

It has been prepared by the most competent representatives of national ecclesiastical and secular educational organizations. It will be in harmony with these principles and standards that this Board will proceed in any future efforts it may make in classifying the Institutions of The United Lutheran Church. These required standards were adopted in 1921 by the American Council on Education and other National Educational bodies, and will more and more be enforced by the various regional, state and national standardizing agencies. They are as follows:

Principles and Standards for Accrediting Colleges.

The term "college" as used below is understood to designate all institutions of higher education which grant non-professional bachelor's degrees. Those formulating these standards recommend to the various regional and national standardizing agencies, as constituting minimum requirements, the following principles which should be observed in accrediting colleges:

1. A college should demand for admission on the satisfactory completion of a four-year course in a secondary school approved by a recognized accrediting agency or the equivalent of such a course. The major portion

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of the secondary school course accepted for admission should be definitely correlated with the curriculum to which the student is admitted.

2. A college should require for graduation the completion of a minimum quantitative requirement of 120 semester hours of credits (or the equivalent in term hours, quarter hours, points, majors, or courses), with further scholastic qualitative requirements adapted by each institution to its conditions.

3. The size of the faculty should bear a definite relation to the type of institution, the number of students and the number of courses afforded. For a college of approximately 100 students in a single curriculum the faculty should consist of at least eight heads of departments devoting full time to college work. With the growth of the student body the number of full-time teachers should be correspondingly increased. The development of varied curricula should involve the addition of further heads of departments.

The training of the members of the faculty of professorial rank should include at least two years of study in their respective fields of teaching in a recognized graduate school. It is desirable that the training of the head of a department should be equivalent to that required for the doctor's degree, or should represent a corresponding professional or technical training. A college should be judged in large part by the ratio which the number of persons of professional rank with sound training, scholarly achievement and successful experience as teachers bears to the total number of the teaching staff.

Teaching schedules exceeding sixteen hours per week per instructor or classes (exclusive of lectures) of more than thirty students should be interpreted as endangering educational efficiency.

4. The minimum annual operating income for an accredited college exclusive of payment of interest, annuities, etc., should be $50,000 of which not less than $25,000 should be derived from stable sources, other than students, preferably from permanent endowments. Increase in faculty, student body and scope of instruction should be accompanied by increase in income from endowment. The financial status of each college should be judged in relation to its educational program.

5. The material equipment and upkeep of a college, including its buildings, lands, laboratories, apparatus, and libraries, and their efficient operation in relation to its educational progress, should also be considered when judging an institution.

A college should have a live, well-distributed, professionally administered library of at least 8,000 volumes, exclusive of public documents, bearing specifically upon the subjects taught and with a definite annual appropriation for the purchase of new books.

6. A college should not maintain a preparatory school as part of its college organization. If such a school is maintained under the college charter it should be kept rigidly distinct and separate from the college in students, faculty, buildings and discipline.

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7. In determining the standing of a college emphasis should be placed upon the character of the curriculum, the efficiency of instruction, the standard for regular degrees, the conservatism in granting honorary degrees, the tone of the institution and its success in stimulating and preparing students to do satisfactory work in recognized graduate, professional, or research institutions.

8. No college should be accredited until it has been inspected and reported upon by an agent or agents regularly appointed by the accrediting organization.

II—Reports of Departments.

A—Department of Institutions.

This Department reaffirms to the Church its conviction that unless the Church constitutes itself an active force to lend help and guidance to our institutions of learning when it is needed the influence of the Church on education will become a thing of the past.

We have not yet realized the necessity of religion in education. All educators, even state schools admit it; the Church has been slow to take the lead. We have failed to realize the true missionary value of our schools. On the foreign field that is a truism; here at home we leave our historic colleges to shift for themselves.

The Board is optimistic, however, with regard to the increasing interest of the Church in education and in regard to the progress of Lutheran educational institutions, and we believe there are signs that the time is rapidly approaching for a reunion of the church and college which will bring each close to the other.

The Board through this Department has maintained a point of contact with the educational institutions of the United Lutheran Church.

The Secretary of this Department has officially visited the institutions personally for the purpose of observation of their programs and problems.

Educators and standardizing agencies have been discussing, measuring, surveying and classifying almost continuously for the past twenty years. Educational standards of today (cited elsewhere in this report) have created for our institutions their most difficult problems. Estimating by these standards and comparing their limitations of equipment, we are constrained to declare the remarkable character of the work done by our institutions in spite of their handicaps.

Taking stock of what we have, how we reached this point, where we are going, what steps may be properly taken, and what the Church ought to do for Christian education, our drift in educational work must be toward development rather than leaving Lutheran Church education to become the victim of the forces now beyond its control. To be interested in them, to support them because we are interested, and to promote their welfare until they become the finest and best expression of intelligent Christian life is the ideal to which we call the Church. This Department has used every available means for announcing this responsibility to the Church.

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Increased Enrollment: Enrollments at practically all of our institutions have been in excess of anything recorded in former years. With but few exceptions this item has taxed the capacity of the dormitory equipment in every institution.

Financial Gains: The response of the Church financially to the call of Christian education has been the best in history of Lutheranism. Approximately $5,522,000 in the past four years has been contributed to this cause. Since the report of 1920, the following campaigns have been in progress:

Hartwick Seminary	$200,000	Wittenberg College	$1,800,000
Saskatoon College	50,000	Wagner College	185,000
Carthage College	200,000		

We are greatly pleased to announce that several financial campaigns for endowment and equipment, which were in progress at the time of our last report to this Body, have since terminated successfully and have even, in some cases, exceeded their objectives.

Day of Prayer Observance: The most gratifying and promising item in the biennium's work, possibly, is the response made by the Church to the call for the two annual observances of the Day of Prayer for Colleges. Every indication is an assurance that the occasion received Church-wide attention and deserved recognition. The Board of Education's program of activities was given large place in the services on these days. In the case of the institutions themselves appropriate emphasis of the cause of Christian education was made on the Thursday preceding. Several institutions grouped in an effort on their territory for 100 per cent. observance. Several district Synods made determined efforts for the same objective.

DISBURSEMENTS TO INSTITUTIONS

In view of having received from the apportionment less than two-thirds of the full amount, the Board was unable to pay to its Institutions the full quotas. The following amounts were paid to the Institutions during the first year of the Biennium, ending July 31, 1921:

Hartwick Seminary Budget	$1,458.31
Chicago Seminary Budget	1,249.98
Pacific Seminary Budget	3,416.65
Pacific Seminary Special	40.30
Southern Seminary Budget	2,458.29
Penna. College Budget	1,875.00
Muhlenberg College Budget	3,625.00
Muhlenberg College Special	1,374.99
Susquehanna University Budget	2,250.00
Susquehanna University Special	25.00
Thiel College Budget	3,000.00
Wagner College Budget	3,000.00
Roanoke College Budget	3,750.00
Lenoir College Budget	3,000.00
Newberry College Budget	3,000.00
Elizabeth College Budget	3,000.00

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Wittenberg College Budget	$1,875.00
Waterloo College Budget	1,658.32
Waterloo College Special	50.00
Carthage College Budget	5,625.00
Carthage College Special	1,541.65
Midland College Budget	8,125.00
Midland College Special	3,000.00
Midland Senimary Budget	1,041.65
Mt. Amoena Seminary Budget	1,249.98
Mt. Pleasant Collegiate Inst. Budget	1,583.31
Marion College Budget	1,083.31
Summerland College Budget	1,249.98
Weidner Institute	1,083.31
Martin Luther Seminary	750.00
Saskatoon Seminary Budget	1,125.00
Breklum-Kropp Seminary Budget	1.250.00
	$68,815.03

The following amounts were paid to the Institutions during the second year of the Biennium, ending July 31, 1922:

Hartwick Seminary Budget	$1,624.98
Chicago Seminary Budget	999.98
Chicago Seminary Special	833.32
Pacific Seminary Budget	2,090.00
Pacific Seminary Special	5.50
Southern Seminary Budget	1,808.30
Saskatoon Seminary Budget	475.00
Gettysburg (Penna.) College Budget	3,675.00
Gettysburg (Penna.) College Sepecial	20.00
Muhlenberg College Budget	4,675.00
Muhlenberg College Special	2,291.66
Susquehanna University Budget	3,300.00
Thiel College Budget	2,550.00
Wagner College Budget	2,550.00
Roanoke College Budget	1,800.00
Lenoir College Budget	2,550.00
Newberry College Budget	2,550.00
Elizabeth College Budget	4,050.00
Wittenberg College Budget	3,675.00
Waterloo College Budget	1,341.65
Carthage College Budget	3,525.00
Carthage College Special	375.00
Midland College and Seminary Budget	4,499.99
Midland College Special	2,000.01
Mt. Amoena Seminary Budget	799.99
Mt. Pleasant Collegiate Institute Budget	466.66
Marion College Budget	1,299.98
Weidner Institute Budget	966.84
Martin Luther Seminary Budget	850.00
Breklum-Kropp Seminary Budget	1,666.66
Breklum-Kropp Seminary Special	547.50
Summerland College Budget	966.65
	$60,829.47

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B—Department of Recruiting.

We are, possibly, even yet unaware of the complex and widespread character of the problem of supply of our ministry and its far-reaching relation to every denominational task. We believe an efficiently trained ministry is absolutely essential to the accomplishment of the aims and purposes of Jesus Christ. We believe that it, therefore, devolves upon the church, from which institution these men must be secured, to urge the calling of the ministry upon the attention of its best and most consecrated young men.

We are, of course, appealing to our schools to provide every influence possible for the furnishing in sufficient numbers men who have the promise of becoming mental, moral and spiritual masters, and wielding the influence inherent in effective leadership of to-morrow.

We also believe that our efforts for men for the ministry are best accomplished through the devotion and sacrifice of consecrated Christian parents; therefore, our appeal is being directed to them also.

The opinion has repeatedly been expressed that parents should be questioned most earnestly as to whether they were opposing th possible desire or choice of a son to enter the ministry. There are even Christian families so saturated with materialism and worldliness that they write the sign of equation between success and getting rich. Home religion is losing out in this hustling, restless, pleasure-loving, money-chasing age. If our boys are to look forward to the ministry with interest and desire the home must furnish a climate favorable for the germination and development of high and holy ambitions.

The Home: We are convinced we must look to the home when we seek the explanation for the dearth of ministerial students. It is possible for men and women to sing, "Had I a thousand hearts to give, Lord, they should all be Thine," and then directly or indirectly hold back the heart of a son from a consecrated life.

Social service, civic reform and charity are all well, but where the cross is not held up and Christ's great sacrifice magnified and realized, young men are not going to enter the ministry or feel Christ's constraining love, but will prefer Y. M. C. A. secretaryships and social reform positions which have a semblance of religious work but have no inkling of the feeling—"Woe is me if I preach not the gospel."

The service of this department is mapped out in large terms and for a period of time running through several years.

We are happy to feel that the appeal of this department for the emphasizing of vocational guidance in connection with the observance of the Day of Prayer for Colleges met with the hearty approval and acceptance of the Church at large. We believe the results of this day were constructive and valuable.

Three appeals have been made to pastors of The United Lutheran Church for lists of names of boys and young men prospective for the ministry. The response to these requests has been very gratifying; there,

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however, remain possibly 30 per cent. of the pastors who have never made a return. In response to these appeals there have been approximately 8,000 names submitted and are now on file in the office of this department.

This department is in constant communication with these youths, supplying literature and other helps as an opportunity for directing the minds of the sons of the Church toward the ministry and missions.

This department is also maintaining a point of correspondence contact with parents of these youths.

The Secretary of this department has officially visited the schools for the purpose of co-operation in the development of the Christian life of the students, with particular design to interest all the students in Christian work and the urgent call of the Christian ministry and missions.

Gain in Candidates: It is with great satisfaction we report an increase of 18 per cent. in the number of students studying for the ministry in our institutions during the past biennium (not including seminaries).

The Secretary of this Department has discovered in the visitation of the schools eighty-two students who have been directly influenced by our correspondence in directing them toward their decision for college and the ministry. Observation here also shows that fifty-three decisions for the ministry are attributable to his missions at the institutions.

Numerous testimonials have been received at the office showing the favorable effect of our correspondence on parents and boys.

A very special feature of the work of the biennium has been the assistance that this department has rendered to institutions, communities and Synods in conducting Father and Son Banquets.

C—Department for Women Students.

Correlation: The work of this department is, of necessity, closely correlated with that of the other departments. The Secretary for Women Students visits all United Lutheran colleges and schools that are co-educational; her duties take her into any other co-educational institution, state university or normal school, where there is a group of Lutheran women. As a consequence the plans of this department must be carried out in conjunction with those of the College Secretary, of the Secretary for Universities and other Schools, and of the various Student Pastors. Only in colleges and schools for women alone which are situated in towns where there is no local Lutheran Church has the work of this department been carried on independently of other student work under the Board of Education.

With the Women's Missionary Society of The United Lutheran Church the Board of Education, through this department, maintains close co-operation. The Committee on Women Students includes two members appointed by the Women's Missionary Society. The Executive Board of the W. M. S. has from the creation of this department in 1919 budgeted a liberal amount of money for its support. Furthermore, the services of a part time assistant to the Secretary for Women Students, in the person of

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Miss Mathilde Peper, have been made possible in part by the generous gifts during the past two academic years of the Missionary Societies of the New York and New England Synod, of the New York Synod, and of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania. The Women's Missionary Society, too, through Synodical Student Secretaries, has done much of the gathering of statistics which have been valuable in planning the work among women students; and it has had an overwhelming influence in urging the necessity for work among women students. The United Lutheran Church is the first denomination which properly correlated and placed all work among women students in a Board of Education or similar Board. Such an arrangement is, however, now being made by other denominations.

Aim: The general purpose underlying the work of this department might be summed up from two different points of view: To help interpret the Church to the student; to help interpret the student to the Church. The rapid change in higher education during the past decade and the tremendous increase in the number of young women in higher institutions makes the latter purpose more necessary than one might at first think. Confusion of ideas concerning the nature and place of the Church in modern life, even among young people reared in Christian families, would alone justify the first purpose. Some of the practical methods pursued in following these purposes are:

(1) To bring to students personal assurance of the vital interest of their Church at large in them, both collectively and individually.

(2) To point out ways by which students can be served by, or can serve normal Lutheran congregations either in the home or in the college community.

(3) To give such vital information concerning the program and the projects of their Church as students need to maintain and develop an intelligent and respectful interest.

(4) To find places where students fitted by training and devotion can give full time Christian service through some channel of their own Church.

(5) To challenge students to assume their whole responsibility in carrying on the work of the Church of Christ.

(6) To know the students who are preparing for the specific needs of the Church at home and abroad.

(7) To help students develop their individual Christian lives.

Scope of Field: Our field has by no means been covered, but during the past three years visits have been made in 147 different institutions in 20 different states from Connecticut to Minnesota, from Georgia to Nebraska. Of these 147 institutions 61 have been visited a second time, bringing the total number of visits up to 208. Classified by states, the institutions in which students have been met individually and collectively sum up as follows:

Connecticut	1	Rhode Island	2	Massachusetts	12	New York	32
New Jersey	1	Pennsylvania	29	Ohio	12	Indiana	5
Michigan	1	Illinois	6	Wisconsin	5	Minnesota	2

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Iowa	4	Nebraska	3	Kansas	3	Georgia	1
Virginia	4	North Carolina	7	South Carolina	12	Maryland	5

Total 147

Classified according to types the institutions visited groups as follows:

Lutheran colleges and training schools	22
Universities and Colleges—State and Municipal	24
Universities and Colleges—Independent	39
Universities and Colleges—Denominational	28
Normal Schools	14
Training Schools	20
Total	147

Lutheran Institutions: In all of the educational institutions of the Church in which women are enrolled, whether they are colleges, preparatory schools, motherhouses, or hospitals, there have been notable advances in the past two years. These take various directions in the various institutions: New and enlarged dormitories; improved curricula with added courses and departments; more scholarships; new scholastic prestige in general educational associations. The Church has, however, within the past year lost Elizabeth College at Salem, Virginia—one of the four academic institutions for women exclusively. With the graduation of the class of 1922, Elizabeth College was discontinued; but the devotion of its faculty and the influence of its alumnae will long be felt and gratefully remembered by the Church.

Despite the increased enrollment of women in all the academic institutions of the Church the number of women being educated is all too small. For the year 1921-22 United Lutheran colleges enrolled 897 women; United Lutheran preparatory schools, 297 women. Of that number—897 women in United Lutheran colleges—61 per cent. or 546 are Lutherans. How limited a touch our Church has educationally upon its girls and women can be judged by comparing this figure with some of the other figures submitted. It is this condition which has brought about the serious consideration on the part of several eastern Synods of the establishment of a Lutheran college for women which would appeal scholastically and in every other way to all sections of the Church.

Among the students at Lutheran colleges there are scores who are enrolled in the Student Volunteer Movement. There are others who, though not definitely signed up for foreign work, are preparing themselves for evangelistic, educational, or medical service abroad. Others are pursuing courses in Christian training and religious education which will make them valuable to the Church at home.

Statistics: The reports from parishes through the student secretaries of the various Synodical Missionary Societies have given us the names of approximately 2,000 United Lutheran Church girls attending higher institutions of learning. Of these, 850 are reported as attending state or municipal universities, independent universities and colleges, denominational universities and colleges (other than Lutheran). These records are, of course, not by any means complete. In order to get some basis of comparison

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we have compared the number of girls reported at 65 non-Lutheran institutions with the actual number of Lutheran girls found there by secretarial visits this year. The results showed 475 reported as over against 1,330 in actual attendance. As these 65 institutions are situated in eight states—Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina—not much of the discrepancy is accounted for by the presence of girls other than United Lutheran. As our synodical reports show a total of 1,600 girls in all institutions other than Lutheran colleges, the comparison of figures used above would indicate that there are approximately 4,500 (4,480) United Lutheran Church girls at institutions other than Lutheran colleges. At the latter (from reports of presidents and registrars) there are 546. The combined number of five thousand (5,050) is the best estimate we have ever been able to make of United Lutheran Church young women receiving higher education.

Financial Appeal to Students: During the World Service Campaign the National Lutheran Council this past winter made the first general financial appeal to Lutheran students, regardless of synodical affiliations, ever made by the Church. Miss Peper directed this part of the campaign and got into touch with more than 26,000 Lutheran students, 10,000 at non-Lutheran schools. The Church owes it to her students to let them have a share in work so full of blessings as this relief work. That the appeal has awakened students to their obligation to their own Church during college days is evidenced by many personal letters and responses as well as by the contributions which were in the main generous, and in some instances sacrificial. Groups of students from 38 Lutheran institutions and from 49 other institutions sent gifts to the special student fund. Many others contributed through their home or college church.

Student Conferences: Every summer thousands of Christian college girls attend student conferences held by the National Board of the Y. W. C. A. in different sections of the country. The Board of Education has been represented for the past three years by its secretaries or other women conversant with the student and the missionary work of the Church at Silver Bay, N. Y.; Englesmere, Pa.; Blue Ridge, N. C., and Lake Geneva, Wis. The average annual attendance of Lutheran girls at these conferences is about 130. Among these students are those who are leaders in Christian activities now on their campuses and who in the future should be leaders in their Church. From several points of view, so far as our Church is concerned, the Lake Geneva Conference is most interesting. In 1921 the 42 Lutheran girls came from 29 universities, colleges and normal schools in 9 states; and they represented the Norwegian, Danish, Augustana, and Synodical Conference bodies, as well as The United Lutheran Church. The note of unity in diversity was the easier to sound in the denominational meeting from the happy fact that we had with us three women missionaries who had served the Augustana, the Norwegian, and the United Lutheran Church Mission Boards. At the same meeting six Lutheran girls spoke

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briefly as presidents of their college Y. W. C. A. S.; three were from state institutions; three were from Lutheran colleges—Carthage, Midland, St. Olaf.

Foreign Missions and Students: Since the merger of The United Lutheran Church and the Women's Missionary Society the Candidate Secretary of the latter has been in correspondence with 200 young women who have been seriously considering foreign mission work. Of these 20 have within that time sailed for the first time to Africa, Japan or India. Of these one was a Deaconess, three were not professionally trained, nine were graduate nurses and seven were college graduates.

A hasty survey of the 200 young women shows some very interesting facts: 35 are nurses; 15 are normal school graduates; 80 are college graduates or students. Of the 80 college women on the list, 40 are personally known by one or the other of the two secretaries for Women Students. Of the other 70 on the list, just about half have an inadequate training or other disabilities which would preclude any usefulness on the mission field. About 30 are young girls in high schools who will need guidance in their aspirations.

The secretary for Women Students since April, 1922, has been acting on the Candidate Committee of the Executive Board of the W. M. S.

With the constant advance in the educational background required of women candidates for the mission field it behooves the Church to follow its young college women with more than desultory interest. And an examination of the list of recently appointed and recommended candidates will show that they have received their college training at state universities, independent universities, denominational colleges, as well as the Lutheran colleges.

Advances Made: The obvious growth in the scope of the work lies in the new institutions that are visited each year with the consequent increasing contacts with students. During the past year for the first time this department has entered the normal schools. Students at these schools are now almost exclusively women. In Pennsylvania normal schools alone there are 500 Lutheran women. With the reorganization of the educational system of normal schools in many States, there will be a constantly improving type of student. The value to a Church of keeping and inspiring the young women who will be the teachers of children in the public schools cannot be overestimated. Enviable is the opportunity of the Church near the normal school to guide these students who in the future ought to be the effective teachers in our parish Bible Schools.

There has been a wholesome increase of curiosity and of knowledge concerning the meaning and need of work among women students. Many opportunities have been offered to present the cause of Missionary Conventions, at Summer Schools, and in local congregations. The columns of *The Lutheran,* and of *Lutheran Woman's Work* have been open to discussion of the work.

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One result of a deeper understanding of some of the problems of Church students is the realization that women students who wish to serve through the Church, as well as men students, must often be given financial assistance through some channel of the Church. Our Church colleges have been most generous in this respect but we do not support our Church colleges so generously as to ask them to carry alone the burden of beneficiary women students. The Executive Board of the W. M. S. has for years been assisting financially in the final professional training of our young women. Several years ago the Lutheran Woman's League of Philadelphia established two scholarships at the Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania in honor of Dr. Anna S. Kugler and Dr. Lydia Woerner. Now some of the Synods are promising financial aid to their women students on the same basis as it is given to men students. The Board of Education has had since May, 1921, the beginnings of a Scholarship and Loan Fund, available for undergraduate as well as professional training of women students preparing for Church work. It was started with the gift of $1,000 from Mrs. F. E. Dussel, of Alliance, Ohio.

The problem of the student who wishes to enter Christian service other than the Diaconate is receiving increasingly serious attention. The Executive Committee of The United Lutheran Church in response to a request from the Executive Board of the W. M. S. asked its officers to study the situation. The findings were presented to the Executive Committee at its meeting in May, 1922. A committee appointed by the Executive Board of the W. M. S. in June, 1922, presented a report on the use that the women's home missionary societies of other denominations are making of their young women. The Service and Teachers' Bulletin of the Board of Education, which has been circulated in April of the past two years, has helped place a number of women students as teachers in Lutheran schools. In the meantime there come constant queries from students and from their parents, in some cases from pastors, as to the possibilities for Christian service. Occasionally there come requests from pastors for trained parish secretaries or directors of religious education.

Among women students at various institutions there have been formed Lutheran Groups which carry out wholly or in part the program for a Lutheran Student Unit adopted by the Eastern Pennsylvania students at their second annual conference held at Muhlenberg College in April, 1922. Both at this conference and at the conference of 1921, at Mt. Airy Theological Seminary, about half the representatives were women. At these conferences a growing sense of responsibility toward their Church was evidenced by the students.

The immediate needs of the women student work in connection with this department are:

1. Closer co-operation on the part of pastors and duly qualified church women in a program of work among undergraduate and professional students especially in metropolitan academic centers.

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2. Local work with nurses in the numerous Hospital Training Schools.
3. Systematic following up of the annual graduates from college and university.
4. Enlarged opportunities for the enlistment of women in Christian Service.
5. Increased facilities for the education of women in Lutheran institutions.

D—Department of Religious Work in State Universities.

Shortly after the last meeting of the United Lutheran Church, Rev. Paul H. Krauss, the Secretary of this department, resigned to take charge of Trinity Church, Ft. Wayne, Indiana. The Secretaryship was vacant for over one year and a half. Since August, 1921, Rev. Carolus P. Harry, student pastor at the University of Pennsylvania and in Eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey, has given considerable time to the general oversight of the department, in addition to his work on his own specific field. He was called to the Secretaryship in May, 1922, assuming full charge at once. Rev. Robert H. Gearhart of Philadelphia accepted the call to become Pastor for students in Philadelphia relieving Secretary Harry of that local work. Rev. E. F. Keever, D.D., resigned the pastorate for students in Greater Boston early in 1922. Steps have been taken, in conjunction with the Home Missionary Board and the Synod of New York and New England, to fill this vacancy.

Regional Organization: Under the direction of Secretary Harry the entire work of the department has been thoroughly organized. Using the foundations so well laid during Pastor Krauss' short secretaryship, the field has been divided into the following geographical regions, with an experienced student pastor in charge of each as secretary:

Region	Universities Colleges or Other Schools	Regional Secretary
North Atlantic (includes New England, the North and West Virginia and north and West Virginia and the Eastern Canada.)	175	Rev. C. P. Harry.
Ohio	39	Rev. E. C. Xander.
Michigan-Indiana (including Southern Canada.)	37	Rev. L. M. Wallick.
Illinois (except Chicago.)	24	Rev. F. B. Heibert.
Wisconsin	17	Rev. A. J. Soldan.
Minnesota-North Dakota	21	Rev. C. A. Wendell.
Iowa-South Dakota	34	Rev. C. R. Scherck.
Kansas-Nebraska	33	Rev. N. D. Goehring.
Colorado-Wyoming	8	Rev. O. F. Weaver.
The South (east of the Mississippi and south of the Ohio River.)	96	Rev. G. J. Gongaware.

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The West ..... (west of the Mississippi, south of Kansas-Colorado and west of Colorado-Wyoming and Western Canada.)	66	Not appointed.

The figures are those of the United States Educational Directory for 1920-21 and include only Universities, Colleges and State Normal Schools in the U. S. A. They include no Lutheran colleges and no schools or colleges exclusively for women. Many musical schools, and other special schools are not included, nor are any Canadian schools.

The Regional Secretaries, each, have charge of some local student work and, in most instances, are pastors of a congregation in a University community. It is expected that they will assist pastors in all school and college communities to develop the work among Lutheran students there. Where there are no Lutheran congregations, they will visit the school or college and gather the Lutheran students into such groups as may serve the students best. They will afford ready means for keeping the Board intimately informed of all the student problems throughout the territory of The United Lutheran Church. They are responsible to the University Student Secretary and work under his direction and advice. This organization of the field puts our work far in advance. It makes it possible to render prompt and efficient service to the students of the United Lutheran Church wherever they may be in the United States or Canada. It is also economical and efficient.

Work has been begun at the following points:

Massachusetts—Greater Boston (Boston and its environs).

Connecticut—Hartford; New Haven (Yale).

New York—Schools in New York City (Columbia University; New York University and others); Schenectady (Union College); Syracuse; Buffalo; Cornell (under the supervision of the Synod of New York and New England).

New Jersey—Princeton.

Pennsylvania—Schools and colleges in Philadelphia (University of Pennsylvania, etc.); Easton (Lafayette College); Bethlehem (Lehigh University, The Moravian Colleges, etc.); Swarthmore; Haverford; Lancaster (Franklin and Marshall); Lewisburg (Buckness); Myerstown (Allbright); Annville (Lebanon Valley); Carlisle (Dickinson); Chester (Pennsylvania Military); Collegeville (Ursinus); Grove City; Huntingdon (Juniata); Pittsburgh, Schools and Colleges (including University of Pittsburgh and Carnegie Technical); Washington (Washington and Jefferson); State College; Perkiomen Seminary (Preparatory School); all (15) of the State Normal Schools.

Delaware—Newark (Delaware College).

Maryland—Schools and Colleges of Baltimore (including Johns Hopkins, etc.).

Virginia—Blacksburg (Virginia Polytechnic).

West Virginia—Morgantown (State University).

The South—The work is just opening under Dr. Gongaware. He has been in touch by mail with all the institutions in his region.

Ohio—Athens (Ohio University); Columbus (State University).

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Indiana—Lafayette (Purdue University); Bloomington (University of Indiana).

Michigan—Ann Arbor (State University); Ypsilanti (State Normal School); Lansing (State Agricultural College).

Illinois—Urbana-Champaign (University of Illinois. Other points being opened. Schools and colleges of Chicago (including University of Chicago, Northwestern University, etc.).

Wisconsin—Madison (State University); LaCrosse (State Normal); Whitewater (State Normal); Waukesha; Milwaukee (Marguerite University).

Minnesota—Minneapolis, schools and colleges (State University, Agriculture College, etc.); four State Normals.

North Dakota—Grand Forks (State University, Wesley College, etc.); Fargo (State Agriculture College, etc.).

South Dakota—Vermilion (State University); Mitchell; Aberdeen (State Normal); Sioux Falls; Yankton.

Iowa—Iowa City (State University and other schools); Ames (Iowa State College of Agriculture, etc.); Cedar Falls (Iowa State Teachers' College); Cedar Rapids (Schools and Colleges in the city); Iowa Falls (Ellsworth College).

Kansas—Lawrence (State University); Emporia (State Teachers' College); Manhattan (State Agriculture College).

Nebraska—Lincoln (State University and other schools).

Colorado—Boulder (State University).

Washington—Seattle (State University).

California—Berkeley (State University); Los Angeles (State University, Southern branch, and other schools).

It will be seen that although much remains to be done, the strategic points have been occupied and that easy and rapid building out from these points will follow, especially under the regional organization, with its local and synodical interest and enthusiasm.

General Method.—There are five tools used by the Secretaries of the Board and the pastors with whom we co-operate in helping the students. They are:

The Local Congregation,
The Student Association,
Personal Interview,
Literature, and
Conference.

The aim of the work is not merely to provide pastoral care for students, but much more to give congregational fellowship. The slogan of the work is "The Fellowship of a Lutheran Congregation for every Lutheran Student." Christian life is developed in the congregation by participation in common worship and in united effort for the work of the Kingdom. Our first and primary concern is that students shall become vitally related to the congregation in the college community and that the congregation shall be such that its life shall be stimulating and helpful to the students who come to sojourn for a few years in the community.

At the same time, it is an undisputed fact that students' chief interests

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are with their fellow students in the campus. We therefore urge and support our students in participation in the religious life and organizations of the campus, the college Y. M. C. A., the Student Volunteers and the Christian life, Service Groups, etc. Besides, we foster Lutheran Student Associations on most campuses so that our students may come to know each other, receive the help which comes from such acquaintance and from association with Christian friends and be able on their part to render the best Christian service to the college and community during their student days.

Nothing, however, can take the place of the quiet personal interview. We seek that every Lutheran student shall have the privilege of meeting with our pastor or with qualified members of the Church or fellow-students in this way. We do not wait for students to come, we lay it upon the pastors and others to seek out Freshmen and others and open the way for this work with them. Three things should be accomplished by this work—personal sympathetic friendships with information by which real service can be rendered, definite challenge to Christian life and personal consecration to Christ, and assistance in the decision for life-work.

The literature which we have issued has been limited in amount. We believe it has been of a high order and we have assurance that it has helped many. There have been issued eight numbers of the *Lutheran Student Bulletin*, distributed free to all Lutheran students during the biennium. The edition is 10,000, of four pages, filled chiefly with Church and Campus news and other items of special interest or benefit to students. We have also issued two pamphlets—"Living the Life"—a simple explanation of how to live in Christ, and "Why Lutherans Should Do Religious Work Among Students," 10,000 of the first and 15,000 of the second.

Lutheran Student Conferences were held under the direction of the Board in 1921 and 1922 in Eastern Pennsylvania. They were both very stimulating and helpful. It is planned to hold an annual conference for our students in each of the regions into which the field has been divided. The pastors working with the Board in the Middle West met at Chicago early in 1922 and spent two days in conference with Secretary Harry on their work and problems.

Our Board was not officially represented at the conference of Lutheran students called by the Lutheran Brotherhood of America at Toledo in May, 1922. Secretary Harry was present, however, and assisted the students in forming the Lutheran Student Association of America. This is an independent Pan-Lutheran student organization in which many students, members of our United Lutheran congregations have part. The association plans to hold an annual Conference of Lutheran students.

The strategic importance of this work cannot well be overestimated. Less than half of the men and women from Lutheran congregations are in Lutheran colleges. Many who are there will complete their education at the great State universities or technical schools. While they constitute

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only about 3 per cent. of our population from their ranks comes nearly 75 per cent. of the world's leaders. They are the "Dynamic 3 per cent." From them must come our leaders in pulpit and especially in pew. With the marvelous growth of the Universities and colleges in the last ten years, the problem has arisen. It is a new problem created by a new situation. It should not cause alarm. We have it well in hand. Other denominations are working by our side. One or two are a little in advance of us in some particulars. Some are following us. Here, at least, we have not been tardy. We look forward to reporting two years hence that with hearty co-operation and earnest prayers of the Church the field shall be quite occupied and that our students shall find Christian fellowship in Lutheran congregations wherever they are. The situation is new. The problem is old. The means remain the same, the Word and sacraments, the fellowship of a Christian congregation, common endeavor in Christ's service, the help of good literature, the inspiration and balance of frequent conferences and the abiding of sincere Christian friendships.

III—Reports of Institutions.

The educational equipment of The United Lutheran Church is herewith set forth in the following reports, the data for which have been, for the most part, furnished by the respective authorities of the twenty-eight (28) institutions reporting. As arranged two years ago, the list is classified according to type of school and then arranged according to age. To make the exhibit complete, three Theological Seminaries not receiving aid from our Board are included, viz: Gettysburg, Mt. Airy, and Fargo Seminaries. Theological Seminaries which are departments of Colleges, such as Wittenberg, Susquehanna, Midland, Waterloo and Saskatoon, are reported with their respective colleges.

A—Theological Seminaries.

Hartwick Seminary, New York,

Founded 1797.

Rev. A. E. Dietz, D.D., *Acting President.*

Perhaps the most outstanding feature of the work at Hartwick Seminary in the past biennium has been the launching of a campaign in the Synod of New York which owns and controls the institution to secure the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars, in order to add to the material equipment of the school and to increase its endowment. Rev. M. G. L. Rietz is acting as Director of the campaign and is meeting with encouraging success in his work. The Seminary this year is celebrating the one hundred twenty-fifth (125th) anniversary of its founding and it is fitting that an effort should be made at this time to increase its facilities and enlarge its usefulness. The oldest Lutheran school in America, serving one of the largest Synods in the United Lutheran Church, ought to be fully equipped for the great task that lies before it.

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The course of study in the Theological Department has been revised and a number of new text books have been introduced. The Seminary year is long, covering ordinarily thirty-eight or thirty-nine weeks, and this gives opportunity for thorough training in Theology. Among the forward steps in view at the present time is the introduction of a course for the training of Lay Workers. Also the introduction of a post-graduate course for ministers is under consideration.

One of the most successful ventures of recent years at the Seminary has been the establishment of the annual Summer Assembly which meets the last week in August each year. The attendance at these Summer Assemblies has been large and the courses given have been of a high order. A regular Summer Assembly Association has been formed and incorporated under the laws of the State of New York. Men of the New York and New England Synod have co-operated in this matter with those of the Synod of New York with the utmost cordiality and harmony.

The Alumni Association of the Seminary has added a number of new features to its work. It provided during the past year a fine course of lectures at the Seminary and offered a number of prizes or rewards to encourage the students in their work.

A thorough course of study in the English Bible has been introduced in the Academy Department and this course is now required in order to secure a Seminary diploma. In its Academic Department the school aims to develop the Christian character of its students and to train them for lives of usefulness in the Church.

At the last Commencement there were three graduates from the Theological Department, all of whom are now located in pastorates.

The Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, Pa.,

Founded 1826.

Rev. J. A. Singmaster, D.D., LL.D., *President.*

The Seminary is a high grade theological institution founded by the General Synod ninety-six years ago. It occupies a commanding site of forty acres on the great battle field. Its buildings are ample and its property is unencumbered. The endowment amounts to $425,000.

The Faculty consists of one professor emeritus, five regular professors and three instructors. The enrollment of students during the past year was fifty, all resident undergraduates, except one graduate who studied under the direction of the Seminary at the University of Oxford, England. No effort has been made to build up a Graduate Department. The Constitution provides, however, for a Post Graduate course, leading to the B. D. degree. This course may be taken in absentia.

The regular courses of study have a broad scope under the two general heads, namely, the Biblical Literature Group in which Hebrew and Greek are required, leading to the B. D. degree; and the English Historical

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Group. Much attention is given to the English Bible. All the courses, Classical and Scientific, in Gettysburg College are open to students of the Seminary. The establishment also of a department of Biblical and Religious instruction, especially for lay workers, has been contemplated for several years and it is hoped may be realized in the near future. During the first week of August of each year an inspiring Summer Assembly has been held at the Seminary.

The government of the Seminary is vested in a Board of Directors, elected by such district synods of the United Lutheran Church, as support and patronize it.

SOUTHERN SEMINARY, COLUMBIA, S. C.,

Founded 1830.

Rev. A. G. Voigt, D.D., LL.D., *Dean.*

The charter name of this institution is Evangelical Lutheran Southern Seminary. All through its long history, as a part of a Theological and Classical Institute in early days, as a department of Newberry College, as the Seminary of the Southern General Synod, and more recently as the Seminary of the United Synod in the South, this school had no charter. But within the last biennium it has received a charter from the State of South Carolina.

The past biennium has been a period of conservation rather than of marked advance. The time was not favorable either for increase of students or for raising funds for better equipment. For several years the need of two professors' houses has been felt, and there was the will to build. But the houses could not be built. They are to be built, however, this summer.

The Seminary has a faculty of three professors. But by recent action of the Board a fourth professor will begin his duties next session. This fourth professor is also to act as Field Secretary for the institution so as to keep the Southern Synods in close touch with the Seminary. The number of students in attendance in 1920-21 was twenty-one; in 1921-22 thirteen. In 1921 there were seven graduates; in 1922 there were six graduates and one man received a certificate for a course without Hebrew. The graduates for the most part find fields of labor in the South Atlantic States; but three of the graduates in the last biennium will go to the foreign field, one to Japan, one to India, and one to Africa. Of the students enrolled in 1920-21 ten were from North Carolina, five from South Carolina, two from Georgia, and one each from Virginia, Mississippi, New York and Japan. Of the students enrolled in 1921-22 five were from North Carolina, five from South Carolina, two from Georgia, and one from Mississippi.

This seminary is a part of the past life of the Lutheran Church in the South. It must remain a part of the life of the Lutheran Church in the

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South in the future. Its existence is vital to the development of this part of The United Lutheran Church. The Lutheran constituency in the South Atlantic and the Gulf States is not large, and what there is of it is becoming more and more scattered. It takes a good many ministers to care for it. It is true, the maintenance of the Seminary is a burden on the Southern Synods, but a burden which must be borne to keep the churches from languishing. So the Southern Synods gird themselves to bear the cost. Yet with the noblest efforts it is difficult to get adequate endowment and equipment for an up-to-date institution. However, with all drawbacks the Seminary has some permanent resources. It has a beautiful granite building on a campus of more than five acres; the whole worth $75,000. It has one professors' house and soon will have two more. It has an endowment of about $65,000.

The Southern Seminary was formerly the institution of the United Synod, and it is now the property of the Synods which formerly constituted that body. All these Synods have representation on the Board of Trustees.

THE LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AT PHILADELPHIA,

Founded 1864.

Henry E. Jacobs, D.D., LL.D., *President.*

The Theological Seminary at Philadelphia endeavors to provide a center of consecrated scholarship, in the interest of the entire Lutheran Church, for the thorough cultivation of all branches of Theology. In addition to a school for necessary practical elementary instruction for the Christian ministry, its well furnished and catalogued library, open every day of the year, except Sundays and holidays, and, in session time, by night as well as by day, affords ample apparatus for research work, not only to its own students, but to all scholars. While supported by four Synods of The United Lutheran Church in America, its advantages are not restricted to students of any Synod or denomination. Nor does attendance at the Seminary place any limitations upon the freedom of the student in the acceptance of a call to any part of the Church. The presence during the past year of 97 students, prepared at twenty-five (25) Colleges, Universities and Seminaries, representing thirteen (13) Synods, twelve states and five foreign countries, living and studying together with one heart and one mind, is a gratifying indication of God's blessing. The great diversity of homes and churches when students come, besides contributing important educational influences in their daily intercourse, cultivates Christian fellowship, enlarges the vision and forms bonds of permanent interest and affection for their future ministry. But, in the very nature of the case, all this brings increased responsibilities.

A distinctive feature, recently introduced with great success, has been the flexibility of the curriculum, enabling an adjustment of a portion of the time of each student to his previous preparation and attainments. In

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some branches the unity of each class is preserved; while in others, there are separations into groups, particularly of the more advanced students, with special tasks assigned for the scholarly work of each individual. Every effort is made to maintain a just balance between the various departments of theological science; so that the specializing process is constantly offset by attention to biblical and practical courses.

To carry out this scheme, an increase in the teaching force becomes a necessity. During the year which has ended, the number of professors and instructors were ten; to which number another instructor will be added for the ensuing year.

The limits of capacity, so far as buildings are concerned, have been reached. The lecture rooms are uncomfortably crowded; every room for the accommodation of the students has been filled. Every indication points to steady growth. In response to this clear call, plans have been prepared by a distinguished architect for extensive changes on our grounds, which have been recently enlarged by the purchase of neighboring properties. The first building to be erected will be a Lecture Hall; and, after that a second Dormitory. Provision to fulfill these plans will, doubtless, be made in due time.

The Faculty are a unit in their sense of responsibility for the trust committed them, and in their purpose, together with their colleagues in the other seminaries of the United Lutheran Church, to abide, firmly, amidst the conflicts and confusion of the present day, by the simple faith which has given our beloved Church its name and its sole right to exist.

BREKLUM-KROPP SEMINARY,
Preparatory Department, Breklum.
Founded 1885.
PROF. PETERSEN, *Director.*
Theological Department, Kropp,
Founded 1882.
Rev. Prof. ERNST ROHNERT, *Director.*
Schleswig-Holstein, Germany.

The past biennium has been one of steady development in line with plan negotiated in 1920 by Dr. Bachmann, as the Commissioner of the Board of Education. This plan was fully reported at the Washington Convention (see minutes, pp. 253-255) and the Board of Education was authorized to grant aid to the newly merged Breklum-Kropp Institution on the basis of the terms of the agreement entered into by the authorities of the two schools and the representative of the United Lutheran Church. An annual appropriation of $2,500 was granted instead of making the appropriation in German marks, with their decreasing fluctuations in value. The first report of the combined Institution is herewith submitted by Pastor Ketels of Kiel, the President of the joint Board of Trustees of the

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united work. It should fill the heart of the Church with gratitude for God's rich blessing on feeble efforts and convince her of the advantage in a vital connection with our brethren abroad, whose heroic faith, modesty and fidelity, combined with scholarship and idealism born of a deep spirituality, are an inspiration to us in the great work of Christian Education and especially in the training of our own young men for the ministry of the Gospel

The Preparatory Department at Breklum.

"The great war had completely disarranged the work in our Seminary. Since a number of our students were immediately called to the colors and the rest expected soon to be called, we were compelled to close our doors. Pastor Hildebrandt supplied the pastorate in Sarau in Holstein; Professor Petersen was likewise called to the colors September 25, 1914. Our hope for an early end of the war was not fulfilled. For four long years it continued and we were, consequently, compelled repeatedly to postpone the resumption of our work. In addition to this our institution in the course of time had to mourn a double loss. Professor Braren died July 18, 1915, after having served our institution for thirty years with unexcelled faithfulness and trebly blessed success. He was followed into the heavenly mansions by Pastor Christian Jensen on February 28, 1916. The second loss was the keener since it was he who tried with fervent efforts to improve our institution in every respect, for which object he offered his whole strength with visible success. After his departure Prof. Petersen was relieved of military duty in order to assume the temporary supervision.

The war finally ended. The Lord sustained us during those hard times through the help of friends and brethren. With profound thanks we looked up to Him from whom cometh our help. And we were confronted by the question: May we and should we resume and continue our work? Trusting in the Lord, who had so visibly sustained us thus far, and also hoping for the assistance of our brethren in America, we decided to begin anew. Three former students returned to us and Prof. Petersen, supported by Mission Superintendent Fimmcke, began instruction May 2, 1919. We did this not without the hope that these three young men might eventually be of service in the Lutheran Church in America. We did not dare to receive immediately new scholars because of the uncertainty of general conditions and because our relation to the United Lutheran Church in America was still in need of clarification.

It was, therefore, for us a special pleasure and encouragement to greet Dr. Bachmann as Commissioner of the United Lutheran Church, who arrived the end of July, 1920, with the purpose of re-establishing the old relations with Breklum and Kropp, which had been weakened by the war and of finding through personal conferences a way for united service. A detailed report of these deliberations we do not deem necessary. Since that time they have been submitted to the Washington Convention and

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have been approved. Kropp and Breklum have been accordingly combined (into a double institution) so that the theological training will be given in Kropp and the general and linguistic in Breklum. A committee representing both institutions met in Friedrichsstadt, August 23, 1920, and among other things discussed the curriculum. As a result the following subjects were assigned to Breklum: Bible Study, Catechism, Universal History, Geography, Mathematics, History of Literature, German, English, Latin, Greek, Hebrew and Music. This curriculum has been followed in the past two years. For the linguistic training the attainment demanded for Obersekunda in a Gymnasium has been considered as a goal. Through the contributions of our friends in our country and through the very considerable support by the Board of Education of the United Lutheran Church in America arose our duty to gain new pupils for our institution. At the beginning of the first semester, 1921, we were able to receive six pupils, of whom two were dismissed as incompetent and one voluntarily left. On March 15th these students passed the final examination and went to Kropp for their theological training. At the beginning of the second semester, 1921, six young men were received. In the course of the semester two had to be dismissed on account of unfitness. The first semester, 1922, witnessed two accessions and one dismissal. For the second semester, 1922, five accessions are in prospect. The record of total attendance is, therefore, fourteen.

This number may appear modest and we would gladly increase it. But the political and industrial future of Germany is still so uncertain, the prices of the most necessary things of life rise from month to month, yea, even from week to week. The expenses for board, heat, light, salaries, wages, etc., increase frightfully. It is self-evident that the unhealthy industrial situation of Germany and likewise her uncertain future spell great hindrance for our work. In those facts the reason is to be sought for our ability to receive only a comparatively small number of students.

Nevertheless, we may speak of a real, though modest, increase in our work in the past two years. Prof. Petersen soon found he could not master the work of instruction alone. Mission Superintendent Fimmcke, whose time was devoted mainly to the English, was compelled to resign on account of ill health. Pastor Hildebrandt received the permanent appointment in Sarau and will not, consequently, to our profound regret, return to Breklum. As a consequence we had to secure another helper and found an excellent teacher in Dr. Kahlke from Hamburg. He was born in Breklum, moved to Hamburg with his parents in 1907, studied natural sciences and graduated from the University of Hamburg. He is serving our institution with great pleasure since August, 1921."

The Theological Department at Kropp.

Students: On August 1, 1920, two candidates had just completed their final examinations, leaving us 6 students, 2 others entered in October, mak-

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ing a total of eight for the winter semester. By Easter, 1921, we had nine, by October ten, by Easter, 1922, we had twelve students of whom three received their preparatory course in Breklum; one came from the University of Breslau, the rest had advanced to Prima of different German Gymnasia. The Seminary Board is exceedingly choice in the admission of new students, acccepting only such applicants who are in every respect up to the standard, physically, mentally and spiritually. The three students sent us from Breklum have proven themselves well trained and thoroughly prepared, God-fearing, faithful and worthy of every confidence.

Classes: The three years of Theology are given in two courses; the Seniors and Middlers are combined in the advanced course, while the Juniors are given the elementary course. In some studies all three classes are combined. For the study of English we have three, if necessary four, classes. Our present Senior class has two students, the Middle class seven and the Junior class three.

The Faculty: Consists of four. 1. Pastor Hansen, the successor of Pastor Paulsen, as Pastor of the parish, a man of pre-eminent scholarship, is in charge of the Old Testament department and Latin. 2. Pastor Fliender, a grand-son of the celebrated founder of the modern diaconate, a very able man, teaches Church History, "Seelsorge" and the Inner Mission. 3. Miss Elizabeth Sager, for many years a teacher in England, is entirely in charge of the study of English. She has fully mastered this language and lays special stress on conversation, the study of the "Church Book" and of the English Bible. 4. For all the other branches Director Rohnert is responsible. A son of the well known Professor Rohnert, he is a theologian of unusual attainments, of broad vision, loyalty to the Lutheran Church and her confessions, and of genuine Christian refinement, a man whose personality cannot fail to inspire the students with the highest ideals. He could not possibly stand the strain of all the work resting upon him had he not already had much experience as a teacher of theology.

Examinations: Only two final examinations have been held, the first at Easter, 1921, when Rudolph Krey from Hamburg, and Otto Jung from Homburg (Palatinate), had completed the course; the second in September, 1921, when Hans Moertelmeyer from Eggesin, Pommerania, graduated. In each case the written examinations were continued for five days, followed a week later by a full day of oral examinations in which the faculty was joined by Pastor Paulsen of Brugge, a member of the Board, and of Pastor Ketels of Kiel, the president of the merged Board. Mr. Jung accepted a call to Limeria, Brazil; Mr. Krey and Mr. Moertelmeyer are now serving in the Lutheran Church in Germany, and desire later to enter the work of The United Lutheran Church in America. As the other students are not yet sufficiently advanced, there will be no final examinations again until Easter, 1923, when Karl Schindler expects to graduate. He will be the first graduate under the

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new arrangement to present himself to The United Lutheran Church for the prescribed post-graduate course at one of the American seminaries. We hope that in the Fall of that year the three students from Breklum will follow him. We regard it as a self-evident duty not to recommend to the United Lutheran Church such graduates who, in our opinion, would not be well fitted for her work, but desire rather to direct them to other parts of the Church. We hope this policy will be officially approved.

Internal Conditions: During the period covered by this report all our students have been promoted at the close of the regular terms, except in two instances. We may testify of all without exception that they have worked with most commendable diligence, attention and interest. Our demands are by no means small and we have not lowered the standards which, in our estimation, must be upheld and upon which are agreed with Doctor Bachmann. All who have visited us, among them Rev. Adolph Hellwege of Philadelphia, and Prof. Dr. Krueger of Fremont, Neb., members of The United Lutheran Church, have rejoiced in the fine impression made by our student body. One feels that here everything is subservient to the highest ideals, that everyone is entirely devoted to his work, to the development of the best ideals, and is anxious to avoid whatsoever would impede. As liberty-loving German idealists, as disciples of Jesus, they are imbued with the conviction that today the Lutheran Church can use only the best men and that in this time of decisive battle with radical forces, every servant of Christ must throw himself into the cause with all the powers of body and soul, would he not be put to shame with his message and with the commission of his Lord. High aims control the student no less with respect to the practical work of the Kingdom of God. They are really the leaders in the parish societies, in the children's services, etc., where they acquit themselves most creditably.

The democratic feature of the management of the seminary, the co-operation of the two so-called "Seniors" with the director, has thoroughly commended itself for the discovering and counteracting in good time any unfavorable sentiments and conditions.

We greet with sincere gratitude the decision of the Board of Education that each of the two sister institutions be permitted to continue for the present in the place where it was founded, for this arrangement now serves the purpose best. The very fact that Breklum and Kropp, united. may continue their work separately is a safeguard against possible friction. By the grace of God there has been, up to this time, no friction whatever in any matter.

Both institutions are working according to a harmoniously constructed curriculum and under a common board, corresponds to the agreement suggested by Doctor Bachmann. In this way differences between the two departments of the united seminary are best eliminated; it also

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expresses best the inner unity of both. That professors and students of each remain in close fraternal touch with the other by correspondence and visits is self-evident.

The Buildings: The buildings of the Kropp Seminary, which during the war had considerably deteriorated for want of repairs, have been restored. The isolated location, in the midst of a beautiful pine forest, is peculiarly fitted for concentration and study.

The Household: The unusual efficiency of our matron, Frau Hinrichsen, who has served in this position since 1906, explains the comparatively low cost of maintaining our refectory in the face of soaring prices for all food-stuffs. The director, who lives in the seminary building, but has his own household, has the general supervision of that department, as also of the grounds and buildings.

Health and Exercise: The health of our students has usually been good. By the grace of God there was no serious illness. The physicians of the other institutions in Kropp are ever ready to serve us. The invigorating climate is especially favorable for hard, intellectual work. The limited free time our students spend in athletics, gardening and hikes; also instrumental music and singing are vigorously fostered. Work in the parish societies, the Sunday School and Bible hours given in neighboring villages, are a welcome change from the regular studies. The nearby cities of Schleswig and Kiel offer many opportunities to our students in the line of arts and sciences, while during the annual vacations Hamburg is a special attraction, especially the "Rauhe Haus," the cradle of the Inner Mission, where our students have always enjoyed hearty hospitality.

Finances: Kropp, like Breklum, charges the students for room, board and tuition only 1,000 marks a year. This is today a ridiculously low sum, but even the better situated among our students cannot possibly pay more; most of them cannot even pay this amount and must be granted a stipend from a special fund created in 1919 and maintained by friends and former students of Kropp. The same is true of the Library Fund, which must relieve the regular treasury. It is evident that the Library must be supplied with the books which the students are unable to buy owing to the increased prices. We must, for this reason, have several copies each of the more expensive books.

By God's grace our regular seminary treasury has succeeded so far, in spite of the constantly increasing cost of all necessities, to avoid a deficit. This would have been impossible without the untiring support of faithful old friends, above all, by that of The United Lutheran Church, whose strong arm of fraternal love and loyalty has upheld us. God knows how deeply grateful we are to them.

Looking Forward: We may look to the future with confidence. We can count on an increasing number of students. Breklum, which so far has sent us only three students, has now its classes complete and will

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henceforth be able to promote to the theological course regularly. Besides these, Kropp will also, in the future, attract suitable men, college seniors or even university men. By a very careful system of sifting we have had very gratifying experiences with our regular college men (Primaner). Among these are the three sons of university professors, all of them pious young men with a living faith, serious, striving, who have, with God's help, so far conquered many spiritual difficulties usually found in a student's development. Our present applications indicate that by Fall we may expect to have a total of fifteen students, and by Easter, 1923, God willing, possibly twenty.

Active correspondence with men of The United Lutheran Church and several most welcome visitors from there have naturally aroused our students' lively interests in this great Lutheran body. There is hardly one among them who is not filled with the honest desire to serve her, consequently all are convinced of the necessity and the blessing of the prescribed post-graduate course at one of the American seminaries. We are confident all will be found willing and apt students.

When we survey the development of the last two years, we can only prayerfully marvel at what God has done for us—done for us especially through the hands of the beloved United Lutheran Church in America. In a time of sifting, when so much has collapsed, He has not rejected our humble work. He will use it, furthermore, in the service of His holy gospel and of His Lutheran Church. May He give us such grace that all our labors be nothing but an expression of gratitude and fidelity, born of His faithfulness to us. May He give us the grace to prove our gratitude, especially to the dear United Lutheran Church for her great measure of love and confidence with which she has met us, and to express this gratitude not merely in words but in deeds.

We are approaching the fortieth anniversary of the Kropp Seminary. God be praised that we are permitted to celebrate it with most grateful memories of its founder, Pastor Johannes Paulsen, our father in the faith, but at the same time with unfeigned brotherly fellowship in the blessed work of the sainted pastor, Christian Jensen, of Breklum. And that we have the privilege of knowing that not merely on this day of jubilation but on all days with their joys and burdens, with their hopes and cares, we are borne up by the prayers and blessings of one of the largest Lutheran bodies in the world!

Chicago Seminary, Maywood, Ill.

Founded 1891.

Rev. J. E. Whitteker, D.D., LL.D., *President.*

The establishment of the Chicago Seminary was largely owing to the perseverance and efforts of Rev. W. A. Passavant, D.D., who had brought the attention of the General Council to the imperative needs of a theological seminary in the West. As the General Council was not in a condition

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to own and support a theological seminary it recommended such changes in the seminary's charter and by-laws as would make its Board of Directors a self-perpetuating body. Hence its present form of government. Plans for the election of the Board by the supporting Synods are now being considered.

The course of study which the seminary offers is a standardized one. It may be summarized in the following outline:

(1.) The regular three years' course, standardized by a conference of Lutheran seminaries, leading to graduation in residence.

(2.) The post-graduate course of one year, in residence, leading to the degree of B.D.

(3.) The course in the extra-mural department, by correspondence, leading to the degrees of B.D. and D.D.

(4.) A fourth special course—the Department of Public Speaking and Voice Culture. This course is conducted by one of the great masters of the art.

At the close of the school year 1921-22, one minister was graduated with the degree of D.D. from the extra-mural department, and one with the degree of B.D. in residence, and two additional graduates who had completed the regular three years' course. The student body was composed of seven clergymen in residence and seventeen other students in the various departments. The regular course students were twenty-three, the extra-mural students seventy-three, total ninety-six.

A plant of fifteen acres, dotted with fourteen buildings, was comprised in the original plan. Of these buildings, eleven have been erected and are fully equipped for use. They are the administration building, two dormitories, the commons, the heating plant, and six professors' homes. The three yet needed to complete the list are a chapel, a library building and a gymnasium.

During the biennium a member of the Board endowed a chair with the sum of $50,000, the residue of his estate. A woman, who always took an active interest in the seminary's welfare, left, by will, a tract of land valued at $25,000. A third bequest of $10,000 in cash and a farm valued at $35,000 will come to the seminary in course of time. These sums, as yet, are only in small part available for the seminary's support. There are smaller pledges which will materialize at no far-distant date.

The Students' Help Fund now approaches $25,000. From this fund students who need help and are willing to render service for it will be aided to the amount of $100.00 per year. From ten to fifteen students can avail themselves of the income accruing from it.

Pacific Theological Seminary.

Founded 1911.

Rev. J. C. Kunzmann, *President.*

With the exception of two weeks teaching by the president the institution has been instructed by Dean Frederick and Professor Kretschmann.

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The student body numbers nine, six resident, and three *in absentia*, receiving instructions from their pastors. Messrs. Jensen and Weisenborn have graduated; the first accepting a call to the Virgin Islands, and the second returned to the California Synod, from which Synod both entered the seminary.

The appropriation from the Board has been supplemented by the gifts of the Pacific Synod and of the numerous friends of the seminary throughout the Church. While the seminary has incurred no debt, we have been unable to relieve the distressing situation of inadequate equipment. The Philadelphia Endowment Fund has been increased by subscriptions and donations and when $50,000 shall have been pledged some of the conditional subscriptions will be payable and when that amount shall have been paid in the interest of the fund will be available for the expansion of the work. Pending action of The United Lutheran Church on the report of the Survey Commission on the matter of permanent location nothing has been done in the past year toward the equipment of the property with new buildings.

The Board and Faculty, in the great need for men, have been willing to accept men of meagre and no college equipment as a temporary necessity, but its plans comprehend the enlistment for the ministry of every boy of proper qualification in its congregations in an effort to raise up an adequate and efficient ministry for the Pacific Coast and its hinterland. Quite a number of Gideon's Bands have recently been organized in these congregations and representatives from many of them are to meet in the ten days of encampment and instruction at the seminary in the latter part of August, 1922.

The Pacific Seminary, properly supported, will make ample returns to the Church for every dollar invested.

MARTIN LUTHER SEMINARY,

Lincoln, Nebraska.

Founded 1913.

Rev. F. Wupper, D.D., *Director.*

Our aim is to educate young men for the ministry, who will be able to serve the Church in both the English and the German languages.

Our equipment consists of the seminary building with campus and a residence for one of the professors, the entire value being about $30,000. We have no endowment funds.

Our faculty consists of a professor of historical and practical theology, professor of exegetical and systematic theology and an assistant professor, giving languages and science in the preparatory school.

Our work has been successfully carried on during the recent biennium. We had fifteen students in attendance during the full term last year. Two

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of these graduated after passing rigid examinations. One of these candidates, who completed the entire seven-year course of our seminary, will enter the ministry, the other will take post-graduate work at another seminary. The total number of our graduates is ten. Eight of these are in the ministry. The prospects are that we will have fifteen students the coming year.

The finances have been closely connected with the fourth petition: "Give us this day our daily bread." Total expenses for salaries and maintaining the household were about $8,000 per year; of this amount $7,000 were raised by contributions of the German Nebraska Synod and of the Board of Education, and by special aid granted to individual students by Synods and from other sources. $1,000 had to be covered by a loan. The late Mrs. Christine Munstermann of Lanham, Nebr., has willed to the institution the sum of $6,000 which will be available in about one year. This legacy is most welcome, to carry out needed repairs and to furnish a small reserve fund for the future.

It would be desirable to have the income increased $2,000 a year to meet all requirements and to have the assistant professorship converted into a third regular professorship.

The institution thanks the Board of Education and The United Lutheran Church for the aid granted and asks for further consideration.

NORTHWESTERN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY,

Fargo, N. D.

Founded 1921.

Rev. Prof. Joseph Stump, D.D., *President.*

In accordance with the resolution of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Northwest at its meeting in Grand Forks, N. D., 1921, Northwestern Lutheran Theological Seminary was opened in Fargo, N. D., October 6, 1921. An opening service was held in St. Mark's Church, Fargo, on the evening of that day. Each member of the faculty delivered an appropriate address, and Rev. G. Keller Rubrecht, President of the Synod of the Northwest, installed them in their respective offices as follows: Rev. Joseph Stump, D.D., as president and professor of systematic theology; Rev. G. H. Gerberding, D.D., as professor of practical theology; Rev. Harry B. Reed, D.D., as professor of Old Testament Exegesis, and Rev. Paul H. Roth as professor of historical theology and New Testament and Exegesis.

In addition to the work of the regular professors, Rev. Wm. F. Bacher, D.D., has given instruction regularly five times a week, and Rev. L. F. Gruber, D.D., LL.D., delivered ten special lectures upon apologetic subjects.

The number of students enrolled was nineteen for the year 1921-22, viz.: seventeen undergraduate and two post graduate students. On May 25, 1922, the first class consisting of eight men was graduated with appropriate exercises, the addresses being delivered by Rev. W. P. Christy and Rev.

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J. A. Aasgard, D.D., and the diplomas were awarded by President Rubrecht.

By action of the Synod of the Northwest on June 15, 1922, at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Northwestern Seminary has been removed to the Twin Cities of Minnesota and will open at 1918 19th Avenue, N. E., Minneapolis, Minnesota, on October 5, 1922.

By action of the Synod a building and endowment fund of $250,000 is to be raised for the seminary. At this date one half of that sum has been subscribed after a canvass of half a dozen congregations. The prospects for the raising of the balance are good.

B—Colleges.

GETTYSBURG COLLEGE.

Gettysburg, Pa.

Founded 1832.

William Anthony Granville, Ph.D., LL.D., *President.*

On summarizing what the past biennium has meant to Gettysburg College one's heart is filled with deep gratitude to God and thankfulness to many loyal and generous friends. It is firmly believed that greater spiritual, scholastic and material advances have been made during the past two years than in any corresponding period in the history of "Old Gettysburg."

First in importance comes the completion of our Million Dollar Fund on Commencement Day, June 14, 1922. That the goal was finally reached is very largely due to the enterprise and untiring energy of the chairman of the "Second Mile" Campaign, Rev. Joseph B. Baker, D.D., of Gettysburg, Pa. Other loyal supporters, too numerous to mention here, did yoeman service with him in the strenuous work involved. The completion of this $100,000,000 fund means that the most urgent needs of the college for mere endowment and additional buildings will be soon met.

In the charter its corporate name was given as "The Trustees of Pennsylvania College of Gettysburg, in the County of Adams." However, for many years the institution has been popularly known as "Gettysburg College." On November 14, 1921, the corporate name was by a decree of court changed to "Gettysburg College."

During the past two years the college enrollment increased from 405 to 504, or 22%. The number in Gettysburg Academy increased from 88 to 110, or 25%. The Board of Trustees now have under consideration a proposal to limit the student body to 500 regular undergraduates and another to admit no more women students after March, 1923. There are now in the college and academy 85 young men preparing for the Gospel ministry. The number of teachers increased from 31 to 42.

Two new courses have been organized, one a Teacher's Course and the other a course in Industrial Engineering. Next year a major and minor system of elective courses will be introduced in the liberal arts and science departments.

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Chief among the improvements and additions to the college plant is the new Robert Weidensall Y. M. C. A. Building, dedicated on June 13, 1922. The total cost of this building, fully furnished, will be about $80,000, which expense has been assumed by the Woman's League of Gettysburg College. The building is named in honor of Robert Weidensall, LL.D., Class of 1860, and is one of the largest and best equipped buildings used exclusively for college Y. M. C. A. purposes in this section of the country. There is a splendidly equipped up-to-date swimming pool in the basement, of regulation size, 20x60.

The first Gettysburg College Summer School opened June 20th for a term of six weeks with an attendance of 80. This was inaugurated chiefly in order to aid the teachers of the State of Pennsylvania to meet the new state teacher requirements which go into effect in 1927.

Last, but not least, is acknowledged with sincere thanks the appropriations granted to Gettysburg College by The United Lutheran Church through its Board of Education.

WITTENBERG COLLEGE AND HAMMA DIVINITY SCHOOL,

Founded 1845.

Rev. Rees Edgar Tulloss, Ph.D, D.D., *President.*

Wittenberg College has enjoyed the greatest year of its history.

The enrollment was larger than ever. The instructional staff was considerably larger than before. The general quality of the work accomplished was very pleasing.

The college enrollment for recent years has been as follows: 1914-1915, 307; 1915-1916, 334; 1916-1917, 395; 1917-1918, 329; 1918-1919, 364; 1919-1920, 398; 1920-1921, 426; 1921-1922, 603.

The Freshman enrollment, especially, is indicative of progress. In 1918-1919 it was 126; the next year, 149; the next year, 187; last year 261. Present correspondence with prospective students indicates that it will be over 300 next fall. It now begins to look as though our problem will be one of limiting our enrollment.

A number of new departments were inaugurated last year including religious education and home economics.

A full time professor of public speaking has been employed for next year, to divide his time between college and seminary.

A Department of Business Administration was inaugurated last year and it is expected that next fall, or at least one year later, a full time man will take charge of this department.

A dean of women began her work on February 1st and a new dean of men, Rev. Ross Miller, M.A. (Harvard), will take up his work in September.

A college nurse has been employed to begin work next fall.

Payments upon annual subscriptions have come in in a way that seems

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very satisfactory, in view of the general financial situation. Over $100,000 has been added to the general endowment fund.

A number of important pieces of property adjoining the campus have been acquired.

Construction is now going forward on the new dormitory for young women which will be erected at a cost of over $125,000.

During the year the college received a gift of a farm of approximately 300 acres near Ohio City, Ohio, subject to an annuity payment during the life of the donor, and his wife. The annuity is paid upon the basis of $72,000.

Following out the plan adopted last year, the members of the faculty have co-operated heartily in the efforts to raise still higher the scholarship standards of the institution. With a great deal of regret, but with the feeling that the best interests of the college were being served, students to a considerable number were dismissed from the college at the close of the first semester.

The Board has enthusiastically approved the policy of the institution that no student who does not work earnestly, and in a fair degree to the limit of his ability, shall be permitted to remain at Wittenberg College.

During the year a thorough-going campaign for men for the ministry was caried on throughout Wittenberg territory with unusually pleasing results. Over 500 young men indicated their intention of entering the ministry and more than 1,000 others pledged themselves to give it serious consideration.

Consideration is now being given to a pension system for professors.

It has been voted by the Board to accept free of charge a Japanese Lutheran student to be recommended by the Board of Foreign Missions.

A strong School of Music is being organized and will be ready for work at the beginning of the school year this fall.

The Board has voted in favor of semi-annual board meetings.

The chief problem before Wittenberg at the present time is the financial one. Appeal results are not yet at hand in any large amount, while the greatly increased enrollment and the consequent necessity of increasing the faculty has created the necessity for largely increased expenditures.

No salary increases have been granted to professors at Wittenberg this year.

The institution has suffered a great loss in the sudden taking away of the beloved dean of the seminary and professor of historical and practical theology, Rev. Professor David H. Bauslin, D.D., LL.D. He will be remembered always as one of Wittenberg's great men. After Dean Bauslin's death, Professor V. G. A. Tressler, Ph.D., D.D., was appointed chairman of the seminary faculty and Professor L. H. Larimer, D.D., registrar.

The biennium has marked more than ordinary development in the affairs of Hamma Divinity School. Its purpose is unaltered—adequate ministerial equipment—but its plans and processes are having a constant unfolding.

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The past year catalogued 50 students, with thirteen in the post graduate courses. This student body represents ten institutions, eight colleges and two theological seminaries.

It is generally conceded that never before in its recent history has the spirit of the student body risen to so high a point in earnestness and application as during this past year.

Thirteen young men were graduated at the last commencement. They are all now in the pastorate covering the teritory of six Synods.

Of these at least one has made application to the Foreign Board for service in the Indian field.

The Divinity School has plans both for its immediate and remote future.

The coming biennium will see three new heads of departments as members of the faculty—one, in public speaking, Professor Paul R. Brees, is now on the ground. Others, in Old Testament and Church history, will be added shortly. In addition to the present factulty, regular and special lectures will be given the divinity students by President Tulloss and Professor Paul H. Heisey of the college.

A new and ample refectory has been fitted up and is now being occupied for the first time to the great enjoyment of the entire student body.

Altogether, the service of the seminary to The United Lutheran Church, especially in the great field of the middle West, seems to be just opening.

ROANOKE COLLEGE,

Salem, Va.

Founded 1853.

Rev. Charles J. Smith, D.D., *President.*

This institution for the session of 1921-22 had an enrollment of 196 students. These were all of college grade, as the preparatory department has been discontinued by the Board of Trustees in the interest of higher standards. The outlook for the coming session gives promise of a still larger enrollment.

The student morale has been excellent, both faculty and students co-operating in an endeavor to build up a spirit of helpfulness and good will in all campus activities. There has been no discipline to speak of, as none was found necessary.

During the session the religious life of the students has been unusually good. Twelve religious denominations were represented in the student body. The College Y. M. C. A. has had a helpful year and the co-operation from the local churches has been excellent. President Smith has taught a large student Bible class each Sunday morning in the college church. The various sections of the dormitory have also had well-organized Bible classes under student leadership. About thirty men are avowed candidates for the Christian ministry, while others will, doubtless, make their decision later.

Roanoke College was very happy to offer its library and class-room facilities to Elizabeth College, when the latter was destroyed by fire. Eliza-

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beth College was, in this way, enabled to finish out the sessions which she had begun.

The faculty and trustees of the college are rapidly building up high academic standards. The faculty is being strengthened each year, standard entrance requirements are insisted upon from all applicants for admission, and the minimum scholarship rule automatically drops from the rolls such men as are not able to carry their courses with credit. Roanoke seeks to be a small college where contacts are close and where stimulation will be given to all students to do their best work.

Roanoke College granted no honorary degrees at its recent commencement. Its Board of Trustees recorded themselves as purposing to grant honorary degrees in the future only on the basis of high scholarship or some notable service to Church or State.

During the next year, the college will be in the process of putting on a new endowment campaign for one half million dollars. The plans have already been laid and the outlook is bright.

The following quotation is taken from the action of the Board of Trustees of Roanoke College:

"*Resolved,* that the matter of the relation of Roanoke College to The United Lutheran Church and any of its constituent synods be referred to a special committee of three for special study and report at the next meeting of the Board."

NEWBERRY COLLEGE,
Newberry, S. C.
Founded 1856.
Prof. S. J. Derrick, LL.D., *President.*

With the College session of 1921-22 three new professors began their service in the faculty. Rev. R. A. Goodman assumed the professorship of Bible and Christian ethics; Prof. G. P. Voigt, that of modern languages and literature, and Prof. F. D. MacLean became physical director and associate professor of English.

The enrollment of students this year totals 263.

Beginning on July 11, 1921, and continuing for six weeks, a summer school for teachers, for conditioned college students and for applicants for the Freshman class was held by Newberry and Summerland Colleges at Newberry College.

The record this year of our students in debate, oratory and athletics is worthy of special mention. Our debating teams won in the triangular debate with Wofford and Presbyterian Colleges, and also won over the Baptist University of Oklahoma.

In December, 1921, a representative of the General Education Board visited the college. He expressed admiration of the remarkable work the college is doing in spite of its deficiencies in room equipment and teaching force. Upon his recommendation the General Education Board appro-

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priated $5,000 to help pay salaries for this year. This saved us from a dangerous deficit in our current expense account.

The report of the treasurer of the faculty showed very little deficit in current expenses for this year, when there is considered the deficit of last year which was taken care of in this account.

SUSQUEHANNA UNIVERSITY AND SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY, SELINSGROVE, PA.

Founded 1858.

Rev. Charles T. Aikins, D.D., *President.*

During the past biennium Susquehanna University has made a splendid record in the matter of increased student enrollment.

The endowment has been greatly enlarged to the amount of more than $200,000 with an unpaid, good subscription list of about $150,000. There is still lacking about $100,000 to complete the $500,000 needed within the next year. The student enrollment, including the Summer School of the past academic year, was more than 600 and the present year saw a capacity attendance. Thus Susquehanna is enjoying improved conditions in every respect.

The new dormitory for boys, known as Hassinger Hall, is a very beautiful structure, standing on the lower campus—on the west side of the athletic field—and is a wonderful addition to the dormitory facilities. It provides accommodations for 80 young men. This splendid building was made possible by the contributions of the surviving wife and children of the late Martin Luther Hassinger, who was a faithful member of the Board of Directors for a number of years.

Additional lands have been added to the campus, so that there are now forty acres of most beautifully located grounds surrounded by magnificent scenery, stretching many miles up and down the Susquehanna Valley.

The "Doctor Dim property" has been converted into the Conservatory of Music, which has grown to such proportions that the enlargement of the building is rapidly becoming an imperative necessity.

The School of Theology is in a very prosperous condition, with twenty-seven splendid young men enrolled, of whom eight were graduated on June 15, 1922, and are well located in various pastorates of the Church. The importance of the Susquehanna Theological Seminary, located in the very center of one of the largest districts of The United Lutheran Church, cannot be overestimated. The seminary faculty is made up of well qualified theologians, who are also excellent teachers and are highly appreciated by their students.

Susquehanna is one of the most conveniently and beautifully located institutions of the Church and is most central for a large section of Pennsylvania. There are more than 350 congregations of the Lutheran Church within a radius of seventy-five miles. Selinsgrove is a clean

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and well kept borough, whose residents are deeply interested in the college students, so that the social conditions are homelike.

In the matter of supplying the needed equipment and endowment for Susquehanna, implicit confidence in the loyalty of her alumni and friends justifies pushing ahead toward the "Greater Susquehanna".

MUHLENBERG COLLEGE, ALLENTOWN, PA.

Founded 1867.

Rev. J. A. W. Haas, D.D., LL.D., *President.*

Muhlenberg College reports "still further progress". Two hundred and seventy-two students enrolled, Preparatory School 160 students. Arts Department, in which both Greek and Latin are required, holds it own. The largest increase is in Science Course and Philosophy Course.

This is the third year in succession in which Muhlenberg has taken first place in the Pennsylvania Intercollegiate Orotorical Union.

In order that the professors may have opportunity for further development the Board has again affirmed the rule of the sabbatical year.

In the problem of student government and life we have introduced a strict system of monthly control for those who are backward in their work, and also a system dropping students who do not properly take care of unexcused absences. At the midyear examinations we eliminated twenty men.

When, after Thanksgiving Day, 1921, the Committee on Standards of the Association of Colleges and Preparatory Schools of the Middle States reported on the colleges which met the new and higher standards, Muhlenberg College was one of the colleges admitted.

The State of New York has also admitted it to its list of colleges, and it is well known how strict are the standards of the Educational Department of New York State. The one great difficulty which has to be overcome was the guarantee of a sufficient income to meet the shortage of the endowment fund below $500,000. The requirement was met by the annual guarantee of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania of $5,000, and by the grant of $5,000 for two years by the General Education Board.

THIEL COLLEGE, GREENVILLE, PA.

Founded 1870.

Rev. E. F. Ritter, D.D., *Acting President.*

The past biennium has been the most prosperous in the history of the college.

The income from all sources has been about $300,000, of which 60 per cent. has gone into new buildings, permanent improvements and endowments. On January 6, 1922, a splendid new gymnasium, 95x115, with basket ball floor running the full length of the building, and tiled swim-

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ming pool, 25x75, was opened for use. Erected at a cost of over $100,000, this building was the gift of the people of Greenville to the college and their contribution to the semi-centennial campaign of 1920. The most complete and up-to-date structure of the kind of any college within a radius of several hundred miles, it already is proving itself a great asset to the institution.

The college has also been making splendid progress in its distinctively educational work as well as in physical and material equipment. The student body has increased by 40 per cent., and well attended extension courses have been opened both in Greenville and Youngstown, Ohio. The Science Department has been entirely reorganized and thoroughly competent men engaged to fill the chairs of biology, chemistry and physics. Including this department, the new physical instructor and the engaging of a trained graduate librarian, the college has added ten new names to its roster of teachers and helpers within the past two years. In the new catalogue larger provision is also made for instruction in Bible, Church History and distinctively religious subjects.

Within the past five years Thiel has doubled both its teaching force and student body, increased its budget by 150 per cent., and added in endowment funds and material equipment practically as much as in its entire previous history.

Thirteen States have been represented on its student roll and at the recent commencement exercises a class of thirty-three was graduated.

The Half Million Dollar Semi-Centennial Campaign of 1920, with its wide advertisement of the college throughout Western Pennsylvania and New York, Eastern Ohio and West Virginia, and the merger of the two Pittsburgh Synods, with its increase of the supporting clientele of the college by one-third, have been potent factors in Thiel's progress and growth. Not content with past achievements her friends and supporters are looking for greater things in the future, in scholarship and fruitful service to Church and State.

Some of the pressing needs of the college are a new dormitory for girls, and separate science and library buildings.

On July 1, 1921, Dr. H. W. Elson, Litt. D., resigned his office of president. Since that time Rev. E. F. Ritter, D.D., the general secretary since 1913, has been serving as acting president.

Carthage College, Carthage, Ill.

Founded 1870.

Rev. Harvey D. Hoover, Ph.D., D.D., *President.*

Carthage College advanced in enrollment, financial strength, scholastic standards and service to the Church during the past biennium. The enrollment totaled nearly six hundred and the graduates numbered over fifty.

The college is in the midst of a financial campaign to raise the endow-

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ment to $900,000. The college has been aided by the General Education Board. It was placed on the approved lists of the Association of American Universities and the American Association of University Women, in recognition of its high scholastic standards and excellent work.

Approximately fifty of the men enrolled for the past year contemplated the ministry. Recognition was given the fact that 1921 was the seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding of the Lutheran College at Hillsboro, Ill., out of which Carthage College grew.

A beautiful gateway was erected at the campus, 1922, in honor of Carthage men and women in the service of their country during the world war, and in memory of Merle Boyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Boyer, who made the supreme sacrifice for his country.

This has Carthage done in spite of heavy financial burdens. What could she not have done for Christ and the Church if she received more generous financial support?

WAGNER COLLEGE, STATEN ISLAND, NEW YORK CITY.

Founded 1883.

Rev. A. H. Holthusen, A.M., D.D., *President.*

The thirty-seventh and thirty-eighth years in the history of Wagner College, now past, witnessed a number of changes.

In the Preparatory Department the fourth high school year was added, and the New York Regents' plan of examinations introduced.

The alumni have purchased the Vanderbilt estate adjoining our campus, comprising a little more than fifteen acres. Another piece comprising five acres was purchased at the same time, which increases our acreage to fifty-eight acres. In this property the New York Ministerium, to which the college belongs, and The United Lutheran Church, possess one of the finest college grounds to be found anywhere in the United States.

Three cottages have been built for professors' dwellings. Lacking the sorely needed new dormitory, a very well suited building, about fifteen minutes' distant from the campus, was bought by the trustees, to serve as a temporary dormitory. This fall the building of a new dormitory to house sixty-six students, the reference library, a class-room, laboratory, and large recreation room (the latter in the basement) will be under construction.

The faculty of Wagner consists of nine men. Seventy-four students were enrolled last year. Wagner College has only a classical course, in which the German language is stressed. Eighty-four per cent. of its graduates have entered the ministry. Today over eight per cent. of its students have the ministry in view. Among the students is a West Indian negro who is being prepared for the work of the West Indies Mission Board. A large number of young men from the Norwegian churches in the metropolitan district are being sent to this institution.

The property value to-day is $250,000.

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Wagner College can give no degree, as the laws of the State of New York require an endowment fund of $500,000 which is not yet secured.

MIDLAND COLLEGE AND THE WESTERN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY,

Fremont, Nebraska.

Founded 1887.

Rev. E. E. Stauffer, D.D., *President.*

During the past two years Midland College and the Western Seminary have continued to progress. The chief mark of progress is to be seen in the addition of students in the college. There has been an increase of at least forty per cent. since the report was made two years ago. The high standards and efficiency of the school have been maintained. The building program which was contemplated could not be carried out owing to the change in financial conditions in this country. Midland College, being located in a farming community, was especially affected by the low prices in grains and stock. However, during the past two years approximately $75,000 have been secured in cash and pledges for improvements and endowment.

One of the forward steps taken by the Board of Trustees was the purchase of a new home for the Western Seminary. A property known as the Nye property in which the original owner had invested between $150,000 and $200,000 was purchased. In the purchase was included not only the mansion and the beautiful grounds and gardens, consisting of two city blocks, but also its handsome furniture and furnishings and a practically new garage, complete with modern heat and light, which cost originally about $15,000. This is now being used as a seminary library. The building is admirably adapted for the use to which it is being put.

A pipe organ was donated by the faculty and students and has been placed in the college chapel. The equipment of the physical and scientific departments has been materially increased, including a broad-casting radio receiving set.

Midland College occupies a strategic location and is attracting a large number of young men and women looking for a college education. Last year, including all departments, there were enrolled 715 students, a faculty of twenty-eight members and the prospects for the future are bright indeed

President E. E. Stauffer, under whose administration the college was removed from Atchison to Fremont, presented his resignation at the last meeting of the Board to take effect July 1, 1922. Rev. J. F. Krueger, Ph.D., D.D., of the seminary, has been elected as his successor.

The election of Dr. Krueger to the presidency of Midland College will necessitate the appointment of another professor to the chair of historical and practical theology in the seminary at an early day. It is expected and hoped that Dr. Krueger will continue to do some teaching in the seminary.

The number of seminary students enrolled has never been as large as

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desired, nor nearly adequate to meet the demands of the congregations on the territory. It is a matter of gratification that the prospects for a considerable increase in the number of resident students next semester are promising. But until an increased interest in the matter of candidates for the ministry is aroused among the congregations on the territory, large numbers cannot be reasonably looked for and the consequent vacancies will be inevitable.

The aim of the Western Seminary is to provide an adequate consecrated and competent ministry for the Lutheran Church in general and The United Lutheran Church in particular, located within the western part of the great Mississippi Valley. Amid the Babel of tongues in this vast territory it stands pre-eminently for the training of a ministry that will be able to cope successfully with the conditions as they exist in this part of America to-day. The Western Seminary encourages such harmonious co-operation with every branch of the Lutheran Church as will enable each to preserve its own genius and spirit and at the same time "keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." It recognizes not only the necessity of fidelity to the Lutheran faith, but also of co-operation among those who profess that faith, if the Lutheran Church in this country is to be a permanent force in the life of the American people.

LENOIR COLLEGE, Hickory, N. C.

Founded 1891.

Rev. John C. Peery, D.D., *President.*

The past biennium has been marked by a very healthy and pronounced development at Lenoir College. The faculty has been strengthened and new professors added. Lenoir now has a strong, well-organized faculty. The number of students has increased to a marked degree. What is most gratifying is the steady increase in the number of students in the college department proper. During the biennium the increase at this point has been one hundred per cent., notwithstanding the fact that the requirements for admission have been much more rigidly enforced than formerly. The total enrollment during the past year was 320.

One of the special features of Lenoir College now is the attention given to teacher training. In this work the college is moving in entire harmony with the State Board of Education of North Carolina and, to some extent, in co-operation with that Board. During this year the approved state summer school for teachers has an enrollment of 185. The college has also, during the last session, conducted Saturday courses for teachers, extending through thirty weeks of the college year. These courses for teachers, both in summer school and in the Saturday school, are practically all college credit courses. Many teachers are thus enabled, within a few years' time, to complete the requirements for the A. B. degree, while at the same time receiving efficient teacher-training courses.

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During the biennium there has been a marked increase in the number of students who are in preparation for the Gospel ministry or for work upon mission fields. During 1921-1922 there were twenty-seven students listed as ministerial and mission-work students.

There has been a very encouraging increase in the alumni activities in behalf of the college. These activities culminated at the last commencement in a definite undertaking on the part of the alumni to raise at once $10,000 for the library. This fund is to be used in the purchase of books.

While the income of the college has been greatly increased by the endowment fund raised three years ago, the institution still experiences difficulty in meeting its expenses. The income for the year 1921-1922 was $51,867, including the appropriation from the Board of Education of The United Lutheran Church. The expenditures for the year amounted to $56,171, thus showing a deficit for the year of $4,204.

At the last meeting of the Board of Trustees it was decided to discontinue the preparatory department, and plans were laid for the further development of the institution.

The present outlook for students is exceedingly bright. On commencement day it was found that the enrollment for next year was sufficient to fill the present dormitories. This is an unusual situation at Lenoir College and makes very urgent the necessity of providing at once new buildings for the students who are demanding admittance.

Waterloo College and Seminary, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada.

Founded 1911.

Rev. E. Hoffman, D.D., *President.*

Seminary graduation services on the 26th of May and college commencement exercises on the 2nd of June closed a most successful biennium in the history of this combined institution. At the opening of the scholastic year 1920-21, Rev. E. Hoffman, D.D., took charge of his office as president and professor of Church history, and practical theology. The number of students has steadily increased, especially in the college department, which has an enrollment of sixty-five during the past year. A fifth year has been definitely added to the college curriculum, an equivalent of the second year of the regular arts course of our Canadian universities. The college has continued to act as feeder to the seminary, every one of the seven seminary graduates of the past biennium having been secured through our college, and at least twenty-five of the collegians now enrolled having the Lutheran ministry in view, with some eight or ten undecided. About twenty-five per cent. of the collegians are non-Lutheran, demonstrating the excellent reputation our schools enjoy in its community. The combined faculty numbers seven men, five of whom being ordained Lutheran pastors. The approximate annual expenditure required to run the institution is $20,000 of which the Canada Synod is expected to raise seventy-five per cent. and the Central Canada Synod twenty-five per cent.

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September 11, 1921, the tenth anniversary of the seminary was duly and enthusiastically observed by inspiring open air services on the campus. The visible fruits of the labors of this first decade are twenty-four graduates, two of whom died, while twenty-two are in active service in the provinces of Ontario, Nova Scotia, Saskatchewan and Alberta, while one is a member of the New York Ministerium and one on his way to the foreign fields in India. The unexpectedly rapid growth of our College Department has placed the Board of Governors before the alternative either to limit the number of new admissions or to extend the present plant and create more dormitory and class-room accommodations. The latter course was decided upon and both co-operating Synods have at their annual conventions sanctioned the building of an annex to the present dormitory and authorized the Board to raise the necessary funds for the purpose, amounting to $30,000. Building operations for the erection of the projected sixty-four feet extension will be started immediately. The same architectural style is to be employed so that the structure when completed will be as far as possible a unity. The basement will serve the double purpose of gymnasium and auditorium, which will seat about three hundred people. The first floor will contain three large class rooms for the junior college classes and a library. The second floor will have four smaller class-rooms and the laboratory. The attic will be furnished as dormitory, providing room for nearly thirty more resident students. Although the execution of these plans undoubtedly puts the benevolent spirit of our constituency to a rather severe test, it is the only possible relief of the present critical situation of our school and with it one of the great problems of past years will have formed its solution.

SASKATOON COLLEGE AND SEMINARY, SASKATOON, SASKATCHEWAN, CANADA.

Founded 1913

Rev. H. W. Harms, *President.*

The enrollment for both years was thirty, of whom fourteen had the ministry in view; four students were in the theological department; two of whom graduated and will be ordained at the meeting of Synod in July. This marks an epoch in the history of the institution, as these two men are the first workers prepared in the College for the Church.

This school is a pioneer-school in the fullest sense of the word; the congregations have to be initiated to educational work, and the work itself has to be adapted to the peculiar need of the field. There is no call here at the present time for College work proper, but quite a number of young people from the congregations stand ready to go to high school. To these and their parents it is endeavored to show the advantages of a Christian education under the word of God, as over against an education in a splendidly equipped public school without the Word of God. Owing to the immense field which the Manitoba Synod has to serve the scarcity of men, children grow up in many places with very little instruction in the word of God. To improve this lamentable condition, they are educating public school teachers

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for the settlements of Lutheran people, that they may be helpers to the pastor in the Sunday School. Six young people from the school wrote their second-class examinations this summer. As there are no young men available with proper education for the Seminary it is necessary to give these boys, who desire to prepare for the ministry, their preparatory education. So, it will be seen, that the high school work is of chief importance at present; any College work which may be necessary, the students take at the University of Saskatchewan nearby.

The work has been greatly hampered by lack of equipment. So far there have been no proper class-rooms, no teaching apparatus and of a library just the beginning. All rejoice that the special fund for this institution, being collected by the Board of Education and the Northwestern Mission Board upon authorization of the Washington Convention, has now risen to about $30,000. This provides the most needed improvements this summer. They have now started to build a recitation hall, which will cost about $30,000, without equipment, hoping that the balance still lacking of the $50,000 will be raised in the near future.

The importance of bringing this institution up to full efficiency now, is emphasized by the inauguration of a new and vigorous immigration-policy on the part of the Canadian Government, in order to fill the vacant lands of the prairies with settlers. Many more Lutherans will come, and The United Lutheran Church can fulfill its missionary obligation toward these people only through missionaries trained in our College at Saskatoon.

C—Junior Colleges.

MOUNT PLEASANT COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE, MOUNT PLEASANT, N. C.
Founded 1854.

Prof. G. F. McAllister, A. M., *Principal.*

Sessions 1920-21 and 1921-22 have been marked by full enrollments, faithful work, and creditable accomplishments. The enrollment for each session was 165, all that could be accommodated in the Institute dormitories. Six states represented both sessions. The number graduated in 1921 was 21; and in 1922, 24, the largest classes ever graduated in the entire history of the institution. The income from all sources for 1920-1921 was $24,310 and for 1921-1922, so far collected, $22,536.

There were two outstanding events of interest during the biennium at the Institute. The first was a Memorial Exercise and Unveiling of Portrait of Rev. G. D. Bernheim, D.D., former President of North Carolina College (now the Collegiate Institute) and for 67 years a Gospel Minister. On this occasion, November 3, 1920, there were among those present three generations of Doctor Bernheim's descendants. The occasion was a notable one and it is planned to publish in pamphlet form the program and addresses delivered.

The second event of importance was the program rendered in connection with the Day of Prayer for our Christian Educational Institutions, in the

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spring of this year. Timely subjects were discussed by members of the faculty and near-by ministers. A strong influence was set in motion and wholesome results are expected.

The material equipment of the Institute plant has been enhanced very much within the biennium. A splendid property close to the campus was purchased by the Board in 1921 and the large dwelling house on it was remodeled for use as a dormitory. It accommodates twenty students and a teacher, and thus relieves, to some extent, the pressing need for more dormitories.

An architect has drawn a plan for extensive enlargement and improvement of the plant. Of the additional buildings needed and contemplated, projects one and two recommended by the Executive Committee have been approved and ordered carried out by the Board of Trustees. The Gerhardt Society Hall has been completely remodeled, and is now a splendid, modernized building, which adds much to the attractiveness and utility of the plant. Committee also hopes to be able to let the contract this summer for the erection of a splendid new dormitory to accommodate fifty students, besides affording four class rooms and a gymnasium. This is project two.

The widow and daughters of the late Charles H. Fisher, a long time friend and supporter of the Institute, endowed a memorial scholarship to be awarded to a worthy young man who has the ministry in view.

The work of the Institute is coming into increasing favor as a result of the exceptional records made by graduates and ex-students at higher institutions. Exceptional honors were won at Roanoke, Newberry and Wittenberg the past session.

The outlook for a larger Institution is now hopeful.

The prospect for a full enrollment next session is encouraging. Already nearly all of the dormitory space is engaged.

WEIDNER INSTITUTE, MULBERRY, INDIANA.

Founded 1920.

Rev. H. Grady Davis, *President.*

Attendance in the Junior College department has increased practically 100 per cent. this year. The courses of study have been slightly revised so as to eliminate all subjects not belonging distinctly to the Freshmen and Sophomore years, and to strengthen the work done in these. Our students are regularly entering the Junior class of Indiana and other standard universities and colleges with full credit. In the Academy, which must compete with the developing High School system of Indiana, a smaller increase is noted.

About one-half of the student body, both boys and girls, have this year expressed their willingness to keep their hearts open for the call to some form of active service for Christ and the Church. This is a proof of the spirit of the school. There are scores of others in the State of Indiana. The "Father and Son" banquet movement in connection with the Brother-

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hoods and colleges, which originated in the Board of Trustees of Weidner Institute over a year ago, has been successfully carried on again this year. It has also been taken up by other schools and bodies, and is proving a great opportunity to recruit for the ministry. These young people will fill the ranks of our active service if properly kept in touch with.

Weidner Institute has acquired this year a president, a girls' dormitory, which houses in comfort and modern convenience our young women students, furniture and equipment to the value of $1,000, a 3,500 volume addition to its library, and a library and stack room to adequately house its library.

Because of arrears in payment of the Board of Education's appropriation, the synodical apportionments and the pledges due the Wittenberg-Weidner campaign, the school year was closed with a deficit. This can be overcome with the payment of these appropriations.

D—Institutions for Women.

MONT AMOENA SEMINARY, MT. PLEASANT, N. C.

Founded 1859.

Rev. Prof. J. H. C. Fisher, *Principal.*

This historic school is gradually getting out of debt, not as fast as we would wish, but nevertheless fast enough to give hope and courage. We commenced in the new building with a debt of $17,023, today the debt is $6.785, having been reduced $10,338. Since Professor Fisher's connection with the school nothing, at any time, has been added to the debt for running expenses. If they can make anything like full collections and could have gotten the $2,000 from the Board of Education, they would have come out fairly well, but if they receive only $800, from the Board, it will be necessary to run at somewhat of a sacrifice.

Our enrollment for session 1921-1922 is eighty-nine; sixty-nine of these are in the college classes.

MARION JUNIOR COLLEGE, MARION, VIRGINIA.

Founded 1873.

Rev. C. Brown Cox, A. M., *President.*

Marion College rejoices to be able to report a successful biennium. There have been substantial advancements along all lines. Much has been accomplished, and the way has been prepared for still greater things.

During the biennium the three Synods covering the State of Virginia and the eastern half of the State of Tennessee have been merged into one Synod, and this Synod has accepted and adopted Marion College as its Junior College for girls. Marion College is now the only Lutheran School for girls in the territory of this new Synod. This gives to the college a very greatly increased constituency. There is a growing appreciation of the worth of the college to the Church, and the sponsorship of the new

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Synod will, after a few years, result in a greatly increased patronage of the college.

For several years the college has had as many students as can be accommodated in its dormitories, the enrollment for the year 1920-21 being 170 and for the year 1921-22 being 161. In view of the enlarged constituency of the college, and of the increasing number of applications for entrance, the Board of Trustees decided to erect new dormitories with additional class-rooms and laboratories. The new buildings are now in course of construction and it is hoped that they will be ready for occupancy when school opens in September, 1922. The new buildings will provide accommodations for fifty additional girls and will give all the additional class-room and laboratory space which is needed.

For a number of years the college has been adding to its standard gradually. The greatest problem which the college confronts at present is that of securing and keeping a faculty of the proper college standard. This is purely a financial problem. As the teachers develop they are able to command larger salaries elsewhere. The college hopes that within the next year it will be able to increase its salary scale to the extent that it will be able to hold desirable teachers.

In conformity with the action of the United Lutheran Church in America, the Board of Trustees has provided for the amendment of the charter of the college so that the members of the Board of Trustees will be nominated by the Board itself and elected by the United Lutheran Synod of Virginia. The present authorities of the college sincerely doubt the wisdom of this action, but it has been taken for the purpose of conforming to the requirements of the United Lutheran Church in America.

During the biennium the college has bought additional land adjoining its present site and it is the purpose as soon as possible to erect on this land a home for the president of the college.

Following the events which resulted in the acceptance and adoption of the college by the United Lutheran Synod of Virginia as its Junior College for Girls, there has been considerable discussion with reference to making the college a standard four year college. The present authorities of the college are opposed to this idea. They believe that the Junior college is particularly adapted to do a very definite and specific work for the Church and they will resist any effort to make the college anything else than a standard Junior college. The standardizing authorities of the State of Virginia and the several College Associations of the country advocate that the Junior college shall use the word "junior" in connection with its name. For this season, the college now writes its name Marion Junior College, and it is probable that in the amendment of the charter, the legal name will be changed from Marion Female College to Marion Junior College.

For a number of years the authorities and friends of the college have had under consideration the idea of making the college a training school

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for church workers. So far as this idea as developed, it does not involve the discontinuance of any of the work which the college is now doing. But it is the purpose and plan to add to the present courses of study such additional courses as will give special preparation for church work and to provide such additional members of the faculty as will be necessary to do this additional work in the most efficient way. This thought is introduced into this report for the purpose of bringing it definitely before the United Lutheran Church in America, in orer that all who are interested in the idea may have have opportunity to express their views and tender their co-operation. The college has served the church faithfully and efficiently. It now desires to serve the Church in a larger and more specific way, and for this reason is considering the idea of introducing courses of study and a properly equipped faculty to prepare young women for all forms of church service.

ELIZABETH COLLEGE, SALEM, VIRGINIA.

Founded 1897.

Rev. Paul Sieg, A.M., *Acting President.*

The report for Elizabeth College has a special and sad significance as it must include the record of the destruction of its beautiful property and the discontinuance of its work with the conclusion of the scholastic year 1921-1922. In this connection it is proper that there be given a summary of the highly useful service to the Church of this splendid Lutheran College for women. The chief facts in its origin and development are as follows:

"Elizabeth College was founded at Charlotte, N. C., in the year 1897. The founder, Charles B. King, D.D., desired primarily to provide facilities for a broad and liberal education for the young women of the Lutheran Church in the South. Being among the first institutions in that section for the higher education of women, the college at once attracted wide attention and for eighteen years rendered valuable services in that field. During this period the institution was repeatedly tendered to the United Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the South, but as often declined because of the lack of means with which to meet the conditions of the transfer and with which to conduct it.

In the spring of 1915, because of failing health, Dr. King tendered the good will and equipment and name of the institution to Roanoke Women's College, Salem, Virginia, on condition that the latter should change its name to Elizabeth College and that the merged institution should be tendered to the United Synod South at its next meeting. These conditions were accepted and the two institutions were merged that same year. The United Synod, however, declined the proffer of the trustees of the college.

Roanoke Woman's College was founded by the two Lutheran Synods in Virginia. A joint commission composed of representatives from the two Synods in Virginia was constituted. This commission advertised for a

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site for the school and as a result received offers from Marion, Radford, Christiansburg and Salem. After visiting the various sites proposed, meetings were held October 12 and 13 at Salem, Virginia, at which time it was decided to recommend to a joint meeting of the Synods the acceptance of the offer made by the town of Salem. At a joint session of these two bodies held in Salem, November 10, 1910, the recommendation was adopted and a Board of Trustees for the new institution was selected.

The Rev. John C. Peery, the first President of the Institution, secured from the State Board of Education conditional rating as an "A" college in 1915. Each year thereafter saw some progress made toward meeting the conditions. After the resignation of President Peery, through the efforts of the General Secretary, Rev. J. William McCauley, the Maryland Synod and the Synod of West Virginia were induced to unite with the two Synods in Virginia in the ownership and control of the college, and the Board of Education of the United Lutheran Church in America made a very substantial appropriation annually toward its maintenance.

With the destruction of the main building, together with almost the entire equipment of the college, December 22, 1921, the death knell was sounded. Through the generous offers of Roanoke College and the management of the Salem High School the work of the session was completed. The two Synods of Virginia, at a joint meeting held in Roanoke, March 16 and 17, ordered the discontinuance of the college at the close of the session. The other Synods concurred in this decision at their meetings in May. The Board of Trustees at their annual meeting, June 6th, regretfully bowed to the decision and authorized the Executive Committee to close up the affairs of the institution and to prepare recommendations concerning the disposition of the assets for the consideration at a future meeting.

The contribution of Elizabeth College to the educational work of the Lutheran Church has been by no means insignificant. During the eighteen years of her existence at Charlotte, she sent forth well nigh 200 graduates and 1,000 ex-students, a large per cent. of whom were Lutherans. In the ten years of her existence as Roanoke Woman's College and as Elizabeth College at Salem, 119 have been graduated and fully 500 have been enrolled. Of the 119 graduates, 78 or more than 65 per cent were Lutherans. Fully 50 per cent of the students who entered her class rooms were Lutherans, 75 of her graduates have taught or will teach.

Both faculty and students have always been most generous, not only to all campus projects but also to world needs. The last gift made before the fire were for the needy students of Europe and for the Union Christian Colleges for women in the Orient.

Discontinued at the height of her usefulness, her end is truly tragical! Though her physical plant is no more and though she no longer functions as an educational institution, her influence still lives and will continue to

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live in the lives of those whom she has sent out and in the lives of those whom they shall influence.

During the last year there were enrolled 110 students, forty-nine of whom were in the Collegiate Department and of whom fifty-three were Lutheran young women. There were twelve graduates from the Collegiate Department and ten of these were Lutherans. Of the forty-nine Collegiate students thirty-four were Lutherans.

In view of the discontinuance of the School in June the Board of Education paid its appropriation for the biennium in full. With this aid and by the liquidation of other available assets the authorities have paid off all obligations except a mortgage of $9,000, upon the land. This property consists of over 77 acres, finely located between Salem and Roanoke, and is valued at $30,000.

Summerland College, Leesville, S. C.

Founded 1912.

Rev. P. E. Monroe, D.D., *President.*

On May 30, 1922, Summerland College ended her tenth year. The past biennium has been a period of growth in the excellent work done, and in material equipment.

For the two years our average attendance has been one hundred eleven. About seventy-five per cent. of the students are members of the Lutheran Church. Every student in the dormitory was a member of the Bible study and mission study classes.

During the past year there has been erected a new brick and stone dormitory which will accommodate one hundred ten students. This building is modern in its equipment and cost $70,000. There is a debt on it of $21,844. This we hope to have removed in large part by January, 1923.

The other buildings were repaired and painted last summer. It is the plan to remodel the first building, which has been used largely for dormitory purposes, and make it the main administration building.

Summerland College appreciates the aid given her by the Board of Education and hopes to merit an increased appropriation very much needed for the next biennium.

Recommendations.

The Board would submit the following for your favorable action:

Resolved: That we acknowledge with profound gratitude the guidance and blessing of the great Head of the Church bestowed upon the educational department of our work, especially as manifested in the greatly increased attendance in all our schools, and that we herewith call upon all the friends of Christian education to consecrate themselves anew to this cause of supreme importance in carrying out the world plan of our Lord in bringing to pass the coming of His Kingdom.

Resolved: That the hearty gratitude of the Church is herewith expressed

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for those kind donors who have made gifts to the work of the Board during the past biennium and we particularly commend the plan for the upbuilding of a scholarship fund for young women, the nucleus of which has already been given.

Resolved: That we herewith commend the Board for its publications in behalf of Christian education which it has circulated for the benefit of the Church, and would especially commend the Lutheran Student Bulletin, the Service and Teachers' Bureau Bulletin and the Brotherhood programs, provided by the Board for these several constituencies.

Resolved: That the convention has learned with hearty approval of the initiative already taken by a number of the eastern Synods, with the co-operation of the Board of Education, looking toward the establishment of a standard college for women upon their territory, especially in view of the deplorable loss in the destruction of Elizabeth College by fire during the past biennium, and that the Church herewith expresses the hope that the plans for the proposed women's college be successfully consummated during the coming biennium.

Resolved: That we herewith approve of the several steps reported as taken in conference with other general bodies of Lutherans in the Northwest and on the Pacific Coast, looking toward plans for co-operation in college work in those territories and that we hereby give full authority to the Board of Education, subject to the concurrence of the Executive Board, to initiate or participate in any wise and feasible plans for such co-operation which may become available during the next biennium.

Resolved: That the serious attention of the Church is herewith directed to the minimum standards, as set forth in this report, which are more and more being recognized by all educational authorities as fair and necessary for a standard Church college, and that the Church realize all this signifies for the future educational problems of our institutions and thus be prepared for more generous and sympathetic co-operation with the authorities of our schools in carrying out their plans for necessary improvements and expansion, both in curricula and equipment.

Resolved: That since the efforts of the Northwestern Mission Board, the Board of Education and the Board of Trustees of Saskatoon College and Seminary have resulted in securing in cash and pledges only about one half of the amount of $50,000, which the Church at the Washington Convention authorized to be raised by special appeal for this institution.—

We Recommend: That the appeal for funds be continued until the sum of $50,000 is secured.

Resolved: That we have heard with sympathetic interest the report of the Board, through its several departments, and hereby express our approval of its manifold efforts in carrying out the important work committed to its hands and gratefully acknowledge the valued co-operation of the Women's Missionary Society and the Augustana Synod and other co-operating agencies in making possible the helpful and extensive results of the Board's operations.

Respectfully submitted,

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA,

ALONZO J. TURKLE, *President,*
HOWARD R. GOLD, *Recording Secretary,*
FREDERICK G. GOTWALD, *Executive Secretary.*

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REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDED JULY 31, 1922

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

for the Year ended 31st July, 1921.

RECEIPTS.

	General Fund	Saskatoon College Building Fund	California College Fund
United Church	$98,088.00	$3,776.39	.....
United, General and Branch Synods	3,198.60	446.16	.....
Women's Missionary Society	1,874.28	.....	.....
Donations	78.00	590.01	.....
Lutheran Coöperative Committee	450.00	.....	.....
Lutheran Women's League, New York	100.00	.....	.....
Washington Convention offering	46.76	.....	.....
Interest on Mortgage	375.00	.....	.....
Bank Interest	137.54	.....	.....
Miscellaneous Receipts	25.44	.....	$60.00
	$104,373.62	$4,812.56	$60.00

DISBURSEMENTS.

Seminaries and Colleges, per budgets	$62,783.09	.....	.....
Seminaries and Colleges, specials	6,031.94	.....	.....
Salaries of Students' Pastors	9,599.47	.....	.....
Salaries of Secretaries	9,299.91	.....	.....
Expenses of Students' Pastors	3,598.50	.....	.....
Traveling Expenses of Secretaries	3,383.84	.....	.....
Expenses of Board and Executive Meetings	1,426.75	.....	.....
Printing	3,820.56	$411.85	.....
Annuities	747.50	.....	.....
Office Expenses	3,197.85	.....	.....
Northwestern Mission Board	.....	2,500.00	.....
General Expenses	2,260.23	.....	.....
	$106,149.64	$2,911.85	.....
Excess or *Deficit* of Receipts	*$1,776.02*	$1,900.71	$60.00

RECONCILEMENT OF CASH.

Balance, August 1, 1920	$ 4,000.52	
Add, Receipts, as above	109,246.18	
	$113,246.70	
Deduct, Disbursements, as above	109,061.49	
Balance, July 31, 1921		$4,185.21
Cash on Deposit	$4,017.71	
Saskatoon College Bonds	167.50	
		$4,185.21

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RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS.

for the Year ended 31st July 1922.

RECEIPTS.	General Fund	Saskatoon Seminary and College Building Fund	Scholarship and Loan Fund for Women
United Church	$93,136.80	$14,339.33	.....
United, General and Branch Synods	2,240.50	162.40	.....
Women's Missionary Society	2,860.70	80.00	.....
Donations	20.82	.....	$1,220.00
Lutheran Women's League, New York	50.00	.....	.....
Interest on Mortgage	750.00	.....	60.00
Bank Interest	141.37	.....	.....
Miscellaneous Receipts	535.00	68.12	.....
Canada Synod, for Kropp Seminary	547.50	.....	.....
	$100,282.69	$14,649.85	$1,280.00
Cash Received $115,212.54			
Securities Received 1,000.00			
Total Receipts $116,212.54			
DISBURSEMENTS.			
Seminaries and Colleges, per budget	$54,756.48	.....	.....
Seminaries and Colleges, specials	6,072.99	.....	.....
Salaries of Students' Pastors	5,380.38	.....	.....
Salaries of Secretaries	13,720.45	.....	.....
Salaries of Stenographers	2,288.50	.....	.....
Expenses of Students' Pastors	2,325.46	.....	.....
Traveling Expenses of Secretaries	4,766.63	.....	.....
Expenses of Board and Executive Meetings	1,399.98	.....	.....
Printing	3,996.92	.....	.....
Annuities	1,185.00	.....	.....
Office Rental	627.00	.....	.....
Postage	363.52	.....	.....
Telephone and Telegraph	146.26	.....	.....
Office Supplies, etc.	484.23	.....	.....
Northwestern Mission Board	.....	$14,312.09	.....
General Expenses	1,192.97	.....	.....
	$98,706.77	$14.312.09	.....
Excess of Receipts	$1,575.92	$337.76	$1,280.00

RECONCILEMENT OF CASH AND SECURITIES

for the Year ended 31st July, 1922.

Balance, August 1, 1921		$ 4,185.21
Add, Receipts, as above		116,212.54
		$120,397.75
Deduct, Disbursements, as above		113,018.86
Balance, July 31, 1922		$7,378.89
Cash on Deposit	$6,378.89	
Bond	1,000.00	
		$7,378.89

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Balance Sheet, 31st July, 1922.

ASSETS.

Cash in bank		$6,378.89
Investments:		
Mortgage on property at Ocean City, N. J.	$12,500.00	
Bond, City of Mandon, N. D., 6 pct	1,000.00	
		13,500.00
		$19,878.89

FUNDS.

Saskatoon College Building Fund	$2,238.47	
Annuity Fund	12,500.00	
Scholarship and Loan Fund for Women	1,280.00	
California College Fund	60.00	
General Fund	3,800.42	
		$19,878.89

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. SNYDER,
Treasurer.

Philadelphia, 30th August, 1922.

We have audited the accounts of the Board of Education for the two years ended 31st July, 1922, and we certify that the foregoing

Balance Sheet,
Receipts and Disbursements,
Etc.,

are in accordance with the books of account and are correct.

LYBRAND, ROSS BROS. & MONTGOMERY,
Accountants and Auditors.

The Rev. F. G. Gotwald, Executive Secretary, called attention to various items of the report.

At this point the Acting President announced to the Convention that the President of the United Lutheran Church, the Rev. F. H. Knubel, had arrived. Dr. Knubel came to the platform and the Convention greeted the President by rising. President Knubel expressed his regrets at not having been able to be present throughout the Convention and his great happiness to be permitted at this time to have part in the proceedings. The Acting President responded assuring the President of the joy of the Convention upon his recovery and upon his being able to participate in the work of the Convention. At the suggestion of President Knubel, Dr. Burgess was requested to continue to act as President as long as might be necessary.

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In connection with the presentation of the Report of the Board of Education the other speakers were Rev. Chas. S. Bauslin, Secretary of the Department of Institutions, Miss Mary E. Markley, Secretary of the Department of Women Students, the Rev. Carolus P. Harry, Secretary of the Department of Religious Work in State Universities and the Rev. H. W. Harms, President of Saskatoon College and Seminary.

The first recommendation was adopted by a rising vote.

The second recommendation was deferred until the report of the Budget Committee, and was in the meantime referred to the Executive Board. [The recommendation was ordered stricken Wednesday, October 25, afternoon session, the third thereby becoming second, etc. Secretary.]

The second, third and fourth recommendations were adopted.

Fifth recommendation. A motion prevailed to amend the resolution by inserting in it before the word "participate" the words "initiate or." The recommendation was adopted as amended.

Sixth recommendation adopted.

On motion the recommendation under the seventh resolution was referred with approval to the Board of Education.

Eighth recommendation was adopted. Dr. Turkle moved that the policy of the Board in reference to the matter of location as presented in this report be approved. The motion was carried.

Action upon the report was suspended until the Report of the Budget Committee.

(For Supplementary Report see Minutes Wednesday afternoon, October 25th.)

The Rev. W. L. Hunton, Secretary of the Parish and Church School Board, presented the report of that Board. Dr. C. P. Wiles, President of the Board, also addressed the Convention.

REPORT OF THE PARISH AND CHURCH-SCHOOL BOARD

The Parish and Church-School Board has met semi-annually since the last meeting of the United Lutheran Church, the meetings being held as follows: December 8, 1920, May 4 and 5, 1921, December 7, 1921 and May 3, 1922.

At the first meeting the Board was reorganized with the following officers:

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President, Rev. Charles P. Wiles, D.D.
Vice-President, Rev. S. W. Herman, D.D.
Secretary, Rev. William L. Hunton, D.D.
Treasurer, H. M. M. Richards, Litt.D.

The Charter.

According to instruction, the Parish and Church-School Board proceeded to secure a Charter, which Charter was granted by the court in Philadelphia under Judge Staake, bearing the date of October 14, 1921.

The Sphere and Work of the Board.

According to the Charter approved by the United Lutheran Church and authorized October 14, 1921, the policies of this Board are stated thus:

"The object of the Parish and Church School Board shall be to develop and execute a system or systems of literature for use in the home; the parish and Church schools; to organize schools for week-day Christian Training; to plan methods of school administration; to recommend books for the library; to outline programs for Summer Assemblies, Sunday School Conventions and Normals, and all Festival occasions of the Church; to prepare Hymnals; to have oversight over and control of whatever pertains to the best interests of the Parish and Church schools."

It will be seen by this statement of policies that the Church has charged the Parish and Church-School Board with the responsibility of providing all courses of instruction and supervising all educational work within the congregations. Because of this responsibility, for example, the Board has been called into conference with representatives of the Women's Missionary Society and the Luther League to aid them in outlining missionary and young people's instruction and has a co-operative committee to assist in the educational work of these organizations.

Thus it will be seen that an important phase of the work of this Board is to unify, systematize, and insure the comprehensive character of all our congregational educational plans and methods.

The Development of the Work.

During the biennium the work in the production of our Sunday School Literature has been developed according to the plans and program approved at the last Convention of the United Lutheran Church. This involved the consolidation of the two courses of literature, the changes being effected at Advent, 1921, for the Graded Lessons and January, 1922, for the Uniform Lessons. The official literature of the Church is therefore now as follows:

In Mother's Arms .....Eleven Booklets (Cradle Roll)

Primary.

Wonderland .....(Teacher's Quarterly) } 4 and 5 years
Sunbeams .. ..(Scholar's Weekly) }

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Workland ..... } (Teacher's Quarterly)
Sunshine ..... } (Scholar's Weekly) . 6 and 7 years

Pictureland ..... (Teacher's Quarterly)
Sunrays ..... (Scholar's Weekly Picture Card)
Picture Charts ..... (Department Lesson Chart)
Pictureland Weekly .... (Scholar's Weekly) } 8 and 9 years

Intermediate Department.

(Parallel Courses)

The Graded Course	The Uniform Courses
Bible Story 10 years Bible Readings 11 years Bible History 12 years	The Junior Lesson Book 10-12 years
Bible Facts and Scenes 13 years Bible Biography 14 years Bible Teachings 15 years Bible Outlines 16 years	The Intermediate Lesson Book 13-16 years

Young People's Department.

The Senior Lesson Book
17-20 years

The Adult Department.

The Adult Bible Class Lesson Book
21 years and above
The Home Department Lesson Book

Teacher's Helps.

The Augsburg Teacher (Monthly)
The Lutheran Lesson Commentary (Annual Bound Volume)

REVISION OF THE GRADED SYSTEM.

The Graded System, which is continued in its entirely, is being gradually examined with a view to improvement. The "Wonderland" graded has been thoroughly revised during the past biennium. It is the intention of the editors in consultation with experienced teachers in the various grades to continue this revision, a grade at a time until all have been gone over and improved wherever possible. This work, however, is to be done gradually and in such a way as not to interfere with the present use of the system

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and to insure the widest use possible of the literature as it is furnished in its revised form.

Uniform Lessons.

In the development of this literature quite a few changes have been made in the Uniform Lessons, notably among which is the use of the Authorized Version of the Scripture in all literature which goes into the hands of the pupil. The American Revised Version is made available in all helps for teachers. The text of the Catechism has been made to conform to the Common Service Book. Other changes for a clearer and more comprehensive presentation of the lessons are contemplated with the beginning of the new year.

The Lesson Commentary.

"The Lesson Commentary" is an especially arranged volume for teachers and Bible students, treating our "Uniform Lessons." The favorable reception which this "Commentary" was given in its first year has warranted putting special effort into the preparation of the "Commentary" for 1923, which the Publication Board is encouraged to publish in a much larger edition. It is aimed to make this such a valuable and helpful "Commentary" as to insure its permanent place in the libraries of all Sunday School teachers and pastors.

Our Sunday School Periodicals.

The various periodicals for our Sunday Schools have all flourished during the biennium. "Lutheran Young Folks" in particular has enjoyed a rapid growth in circulation and is securing a strong hold upon our people irrespective of whether they are in the schools of the Church or not. While essentially a young people's paper, its aim is to have something definite concerning the Church in every issue and to be of value to every part of every Lutheran family in the Church.

For our children under the auspices of the Board we also publish "The Pictureland Weekly," which reaches the children of the "Pictureland" grade; "Sunshine," which is intended for the children of "Workland" grade; and "Sunbeams" which is intended for the smallest children of the school, or the "Wonderland" grade. All of these papers furnish a lesson treatment in addition to proper wholesome stories, a large percentage of which are always missionary. The increase in circulation indicates their value to the schools and the children. For those who have not yet introduced the Graded System, which is the official System for all our Primary Schools, there is still continued the paper known as "Little Ones," which furnishes a treatment of the Uniform Lessons and stories for the little folks.

German Sunday School Literature.

The German Sunday School Literature as provided is a serious problem. It is the desire of the Board to furnish this literature for the use of the schools where the German language is still needed as a medium of instruc-

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tion. But if it is to be continued there should be a more general support given. "Lektionsblaetter" is now a translation of the "Senior Lesson Book" and could be used with satisfaction throughout the entire school, or in connection with "Bible History" or other grade books. Our Sunday School Literature which we publish in the German language includes: "Sonnenstrahlen," a small picture card corresponding to "Sunrays" of the Graded Series. Also the large "Wandbilder" or picture chart. As grade books for use in German Schools there are also published "Erstes Lesebuch," "Biblische Erzaehlungen," which corresponds to "Bible Story," and "Biblisches Spruch und Lesebuch," a lesson book, corresponding to "Bible Readings." There is also issued a Sunday School Book, called, "Sonntagschulbuch" both with and without music. Teachers in these schools will find it to be of great advantage to them to use "The Lesson Commentary" in connection with "Lektionsblaetter."

Literature for Slav Sunday Schools.

During the Biennium there has been an interest manifested in providing literatture for children in the Slav language. With this in view, "Bible Story" of the Lutheran Graded Series has been translated into Slovak and will appear this fall in a bi-lingual edition.

Through the efforts of Rev. Dr. Ramer, there is also in preparation a series of picture cards with Bible history questions, which are a translation of "Sunrays" in the "Pictureland" grade. Thus another language is added to the tongues in which we are able to provide instruction for our children.

Training Courses.

Our Teacher Training Courses are gradually assuming final form. They are especially developed to insure an appropriate and continued course of training for the development of efficient teachers. The aim is to provide courses which will not only give diplomas, but will equip our teachers for better service. All examinations are conducted from the office and diplomas are issued in the name of the Board and the Editors. We urge the value of a Teacher Training Course in every school in the Church.

The Parish and Church School.

An important advance in the literature provided for our schools and religious educational interests was the establishment of a new magazine of principles and methods in the field of Christian education bearing the title of "The Parish and Church School." The first issue of this magazine appeared October, 1921.

Certificates.

A certificate as "a record of honor" for those schools which have attained the Lutheran standard of efficiency as established by our Parish and Church School Board has been prepared. There have also been prepared proper certificates for organized young people classes and for organized adult Bible classes. These have been properly approved and are already extensively used.

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The Sunday School Standard.

With a view to developing our schools to the highest possible degree of efficiency a Sunday School standard has been prepared and has met with the approval not only of the Parish and Church School Board, but the Executive Board of the Church. It is herewith submitted for the approval of the United Lutheran Church:

The Lutheran Sunday School Standard.

1. Open the entire year.
2. Lutheran literature used in all departments.
3. Regular teachers' and business meetings.
4. Enrolled Teacher Training Class.
5. The Bible used in class work in all departments above the Primary.
6. The school graded in organization and instruction from the Cradle Roll to the Home Department.
7. Catechetical instruction.
8. An average attendance for the year of 60 per cent. of the enrollment with emphasis on regular church attendance.
9. Regular missionary instruction and offerings for benevolence.
10. Observance of principal festivals of the Church Year.

Hymnals.

To meet a widespread and partially expressed desire, the Board has a Special Committee charged with the responsibility of examining existing Hymnals and preparing proper official Hymnals for use in our religious educational work. The committee has in mind the ultimate preparation of three Hymnals. A Sunday School Service Book, a Primary Hymnal and a general or semi-popular book or collection of hymns. The latter is that which it is anticipated will be the first to be prepared. We are not able as yet to announce the time of its publication.

Libraries.

A library, especially a workers' library, is desirable for all schools and parishes. Recognizing that this is a special sphere in which the Parish and Church School Board should direct, a Special Committee of the Board has had the matter in hand and is compiling a classified list of books. It is aimed ultimately to have a complete and adequate workers' library, which will include books on the history, doctrine and practices of our Church, as well as general Biblical literature and books on the school, pedagogics and methods of Church work. Supplementary to this literature where needed, lists of recognized books of fiction and general literature will be provided.

Courses of Study for Week-Day Schools.

Religious education, through the discontinuance of the Parochial Schools and the failure to establish religious week-day schools and the inadequacy of the modern Sunday School has long been neglected. The result is that

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a great percentage of our American people are utterly deficient in religious knowledge. This condition has become so general as to be alarming. Educators and statesmen have both realized the situation. The Church has awakened to her responsibility, with the result that there is a very general interest and great activity manifested in the establishment and the development of the week-day schools for religious instruction. The Parish and Church School Board has given much time and serious consideration to the subject. It has outlined and recommended courses and approved existing literature for such schools. It has also prepared a Manual which discusses the principles, gives samples of courses that are in use in existing schools and presents recommended programs, together with a complete outline of subjects and suitable books.

There has also been prepared a syllabus of special week-day religious literature which is to include proper text books.

The Vacation Bible School, which has been the development of recent years, has become quite general and is proving very popular. With some the vacation recreation features are somewhat over-emphasized, but in our own Lutheran schools the essentials of week-day schools are carried into the vacation school. While the recreation features are not excluded, the religious content of the course is the central phase of the work. We would recommend that the religious week-day school and vacation school be heartily endorsed and recommended to all of our churches.

Sunday School Work in Europe.

The religious interests, as well as all other interests in Europe have been in the most unsettled condition. In connection with the religious work which our Church has been doing on the Continent, attention has been called to the possibility of aiding and providing for the religious instruction of the children. With this in view the Parish and Church School Board has had correspondence with Dr. Morehead, who promised to study the field and report. The Board has also commissioned the Rev. J. F. Krueger. Ph.D., to gather and furnish information to the Board. Our desire is if possible to establish some points of contact by which we can develop co-operation in religious instruction with our European Churches which might prove mutually helpful.

Organization of the Work.

(a) It is imperative that the Parish and Church School Board should develop Lutheran Synodical and Conference Associations.

(b) In local fields, through the conferences and organizations of Synods, provision should be made for Lutheran Sunday School institutes, conventions and training schools. All pastors and teachers should carefully guard against the introduction into our work of teachings and practices at variance with our Lutheran principles.

(c) Our congregations are urged to establish week-day schools for religious instruction. In the establishment of these schools, while co-opera-

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tion with others in making arrangements may be desirable, the Lutheran Church must insist upon the actual instruction of her own children.

(d) We further urge upon communities the establishment of local training schools for teachers and workers and direct attention to the recommended curriculum authorized by this Board.

NOMINATIONS.

The terms of the following members of the Board expire with this Convention: Rev. C. P. Wiles, D.D.; Rev. W. Hoppe, D.D., and W. C. Stoever, Litt.D. The Board nominates these men to succeed themselves, each having served but one term. The Rev. J. E. Whitteker, D.D., LL.D., whose term would have expired at this Convention, on account of his removal to Chicago and hie duties there has resigned as a member of the Board. The Rev. Frank M. Urich, of Philadelphia, is nominated to succeed Dr. Whitteker.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

We recommend that:

1. The Sunday School standard be approved.

2. The plan of furnishing three hymnals for our church schools be approved and the work hastened.

3. The plan for reference, workers' and general libraries be approved and that congregations be urged to provide such libraries as rapidly as they are authorized.

4. Our congregations establish week-day schools for religious instruction.

5. (a) The new manual for week-day religious instruction be recommended as a guide in planning week-day and vacation religious schools.

(b) The Parish and Church School Board be instructed to prepare an authorized course of text books for such schools as soon as possible.

6. The plan to gather information concerning religious educational work in Europe is indorsed and the Board is urged in every way possible to further the standardization and uniformity of our Lutheran Parish Schools through correspondence and co-operation with educators and authorities in other countries.

7. The organization of our Sunday Schools in the various States and provinces by the Synods and Conferences and that the Parish and Church School Board be authorized to promote such organizations, making provision for local Sunday School institutes, conventions and training schools.

C. P. WILES, *President.*
W. L. HUNTON, *Secretary.*

The Sunday School Standard was approved. Recommendation 1 approved. Recommendation 2 referred to the Common Service Book Committee. Recommendations 3 and 4 approved.

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Recommendation 5, a and b, adopted. Recommendations 6 and 7 adopted.

The Report was adopted as a whole.

The Committee of Reference and Counsel moved that the election of a President and Secretary be held from twelve to two today and that special tellers be appointed. The motion was carried.

The Chair appointed as a Special Committee to conduct the election:

Mr. C. H. Boyer
George E. Neff, Esq.
Mr. G. E. Schlegelmilch
Mr. F. Stussy
Mr. G. F. Greiner

The Rev. C. P. Harry presented the Report of the Committee on Work Among Boys.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WORK AMONG BOYS

Meetings.

Two meetings of the Committee were held during the Biennium, both of them in the Parish House of the Church of the Holy Communion, Philadelphia, Pa., the first on June 21, 1921, and the second November 8, 1921.

Organization.

The committee organized by the election of the Rev. C. P. Harry, Chairman, and the Rev. G. H. Bechtold, Secretary and Treasurer.

Proceedings.

1. The Washington meeting of the United Lutheran Church failed to endorse the plans and policies of the Work Among Boys' Committee of the previous Biennium. It did not define what the field or function of the Work Among Boys' Committee was intended to be. The convener waited until June, 1921, to convene the committee in the hope that the Executive Board might define the field and indicate the pleasure of the United Lutheran Church. After correspondence with the Secretary, Dr. Scherer, we learned that the Executive Board had not been charged with the duty of defining the field of the Work Among Boys' Committee.

At the meeting of the committee, June 21, 1921, after canvassing the opinion of the members as to the functions of the committee, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, The Committee on Work Among Boys has received a large number of communications from Pastors and Laymen in all parts of the Church, requesting information and assistance in the organizing of boys in

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the congregation, securing and training of leaders and the provision of suitable literature, and

WHEREAS, In the judgment of your committee, the time has arrived for the United Lutheran Church to formulate a definite policy for work with its boys, and

WHEREAS, The Executive Board has never given any authority to this committee to establish or inaugurate such work and never clearly defined its field of labor. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That we respectfully request the Executive Board to point out what it wishes us to do.

On motion, the Chairman, Secretary and Dr. Stanley Billheimer were requested to present this matter personally to the President and Secretary of the United Lutheran Church.

The sub-committee appointed waited upon the President and Secretary of the United Lutheran Church. Subsequently the Executive Board of the United Church defined the duties of the Committee of Work Among Boys as follows:

a. That it shall be the duty of this committee to inform itself about books and other literature suitable for boys to read and for the guidance of parents and others in the rearing of boys, to encourage the preparation of such literature, and to give publicity to the same.
b. That it shall also be the duty of this committee to study the various organizations for boys, their principles and aims; also to ascertain the value of the different organizations as developed in connection with congregations, and to advise those seeking information in regard to such organizations.
c. That this committee shall suggest to other agencies activities desirable for the welfare of boys.
d. That this committee shall have authority to develop through Synods boys' conferences and summer camps.

2. The following program for the guidance of Synodical Boys' Work Committees was adopted at the June meeting, 1921.

1. Each member of the Synodical Committee to become expert in work with boys by reading and practical work with them.
2. To assist Pastors or others in the Synod to develop interest and technique in work with boys.
3. To hold conferences of the leaders and teachers of boys in the Synod.
4. To hold conferences of the boys of the Synod.
5. To conduct summer camps.
6. To investigate the problem of delinquency in S. S. and also in the courts.
7. To investigate the effect of the teaching and methods of the public schools on the boys' spiritual life.
8. To investigate the effect of the community standards and especially of the opportunities of recreation and amusement in the community on the boys' faith and life.

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9. To investigate the effect of employment and of different lines of trade or profession on the boys' faith and life.

10. To report results to the U. L. C. Committee.

3. The second meeting of the committee was held November 8 1921, and on motion it was *Resolved,* That in harmony with the plan of work defined by the Executive Board, the Secretary be requested to communicate with leading publishers of books for and about boys and ask that their publications be sent to the Sectional Chairman for review. To date no such publications have been received even from our own publication houses.

4. In order to be of the utmost assistance to the Boys' Committees of the Synods and the Pastors of our Churches the committee requested the Rev. C. P. Swank, Chairman of the Boys' Work Committee of the East Pennsylvania Synod, to prepare a pamphlet outlining the methods he has used so successfully in conducting boys' conferences. The Rev. A. T. Michler was requested to prepare a similar pamphlet on boys' summer camps. Both of the brethren cheerfully responded to our request. The Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church authorized us to expend no more than $100 in the publication and distribution of these pamphlets. We were forced to limit the edition therefore to 500 of each of these. Copies have been sent to the Boys' Committees of all the Synods of the United Church which have such committees.

The following members of the committee—Rev. G. A. Beiswanger for the West, Rev. C. A. Denney for Western Pennsylvania and Ohio, Rev. G. H. Rhodes for the South, Rev. A. T. Michler for the Northeast—were appointed to promote the work of boys' camps and conferences through the Synods.

5. The Luther League requested action on the Intermediate Luther League as a suitable organization for the boys of the congregation. This committee takes pleasure in commending the plans of the Intermediate Luther League to the United Lutheran Church and its Pastors.

RECOMMENDATION.

We would respectfully *recommend* that the Executive Board be requested to reserve the sum of *$2,000* for the use of this committee.

C. P. HARRY, *Chairman.*

The recommendation was adopted and the report was adopted as a whole.

A motion for the reconsideration of the recommendation of the Boys' Work Committee was lost. Later the President ruled that this resolution would practically mean that if the state of the treasury will permit the Executive Board should grant the amount asked, the only satisfactory reason for not granting the amount being that the money is not available.

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The Report of the Board of Publication was taken up and the Rev. N. R. Melhorn, Secretary of the Board, and Mr. Grant Hultberg, Business Manager, addressed the Convention: the latter speaking especially of the new Publication Building which is to be erected in Philadelphia.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION

Biennial Organization.

Following the Washington Convention, the Board of Publication had its first regular meeting December 21, 1920. Dr. Samuel P. Sadtler was elected President; Dr. William C. Stoever, Vice-President; Dr. N. R. Melhorn, Secretary, and Mr. E. G. Hoover, Treasurer. Rev. E. C. J. Kraehling and Mr. L. C. Bonham resigned membership owing to other obligations. The Board of Publication at its meeting December, 1920, accepted these resignations and nominated Rev. A. H. Holthusen, D.D., of Wagner College, and Mr. L. W. Steeble, of the Penn Mutual Insurance Company to the Executive Board for these vacancies. The Executive Board elected them. Mr. Steeble was unable to continue membership with the Board and the vacancy created by his resignation in September, 1920, was filled by the election of Mr. D. F. Yost, of Norristown, by the Executive Board, following his nomination by the Board of Publication.

Eight meetings of the Board have been held during the Biennium.

Standing Committees.

The Board's Executive Committee consists of the officers, the Chairmen of its Committees on Manufacture and Sales, Real Estate and Accounting, Religious Literature, Secular Literature, and Mr. John M. Snyder.

The Executive Committee held monthly and occasional special meetings during the Biennium.

Manufacture and Sales: E. F. Eilert, Chairman; George D. Boschen, A. H. Kohn.

Real Estate and Accounting: G. E. Schlegelmilch, D. F. Efird, Croll Keller.

Religious Literature: C. M. Jacobs, A. R. Wentz, A. H. Holthusen.

Secular Literature: C. F. Steck, S. W. Herman, C. J. Cooper.

Terms Expire at This Convention.

President S. P. Sadtler, Treasurer E. G. Hoover, A. R. Wentz, S. W. Herman, A. H. Holthusen, A. H. Kohn and D. F. Yost. The Board has placed the above names on the ballot as nominees meriting re-election by this Convention.

Books and Literature Issued.

The cost of production reached its highest peak early in the fall of 1920. While there has been some reduction in the price of paper and material entering into the binding of books, the production costs are still very high

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and far in excess of the pre-war level. Notwithstanding these difficulties, the Board has found it possible to issue a very large volume of literature, new and old, since July 31, 1920.

New Books.

A total of 114,300 new books has been published. This list of new books includes: "America and World Evangelization," by J. C. Kunzmann, D.D.; "When Christ Comes," by Rev. P. J. Gerberding, B.D.; "When Two Worlds Met," by Rev. A. R. Wentz, Ph.D.; "In the Light of Faith," by J. A. W. Haas, D.D.; "The Church for the Ages," by J. C. Seegers, D.D.; "Workers With God," by W. H. Greever, D.D.; "The Conservative Character of Martin Luther," by George M. Stephenson, Ph.D.; "Theodore Emanuel Schmauk, a Biography," by George W. Sandt, D.D.; "The Lutherans in the Movements for Church Union," by J. L. Neve, D.D. The Lutheran Church Year Book has appeared each year, and "Der Lutherische Kalendar" has been published jointly with the Lutheran Literary Board. Two Lenten Services have been published, "Liturgische Andachten," by Rev. R. Nieder, and "The Passion of Our Lord," by C. F. W. Hoppe, D.D. The Scripture Text Calendar was first issued in the fall of 1920. This calendar was so well received that the entire edition of 20,000 copies was sold out before the end of October. Last year more than 80,000 copies of the calendar were sold, and arrangements have been made to bring out a new calendar in seven colors this year, under the title "The Church Year Calendar." The fourth edition of "Religious Education in the Public School," by G. U. Wenner, D.D., LL.D., has appeared over the Board's imprint, and the Lutheran Lesson Commentary has been continued and appeared this year in enlarged form to cover the International Sunday School Lessons used in the Augsburg series. The new Lesson Commentary met with a reception so enthusiastic that the edition is now sold out.

Reprints.

These include new editions of "The Inner Mission, by Rev. J. F. Ohl, Mus.D.; "How to Teach in Sunday School, by T. E. Schmauk, D.D., LL.D.; "The Lutheran Manual," by J. B. Remensnyder, D.D., LL.D.; "The Knight in Grey," by Marie E. Richard; "The History of Doctrines," by Dr. R. Seeberg, translated by Charles E. Hay, D.D.; Arndt's "True Christianity," "The Deaconess and Her Work;" "Luther, the Reformer," by Charles E. Hay, D.D.; "The Catechist's Handbook," by J. W. Horine, D.D.; "Lectures on the Epistles," "Lectures on the Gospels," "The Golden Altar," "Passiontide Sermonettes," "Lententide Sermonettes" and "The Letters of Jesus," by J. A. Seiss, D.D., LL.D.; "Martin of Mansfeld," by Margaret R. Seebach, and "Lutheran Landmarks," by Dr. W. J. Finck. A large number of the bound volumes in the Lutheran Graded Series have been reprinted and several editions of the Abridged Teacher and the Pupil have been issued. The total number of copies of bound books reprinted reaches the imposing total of 369,800.

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Pamphlets and Tracts.

In addition to the above mentioned new and reprinted books, there was published during the period a total of 227,000 new pamphlets and tracts, including Christmas and Easter services for the Sunday Schools and 222,000 reprints of pamphlets and tracts previously issued.

Periodicals.

At the close of the first eleven months' period we were printing 34,000 copies of the *Lutheran*, 92,000 of Lutheran Young Folks, 29,000 of Lutheran Boys and Girls, 4,700 of Der Deutsche Lutheraner, 125,900 of the Sunday School Monthlies and 429,900 of the Sunday School Quarterlies. At the close of the last year we printed 39,000 copies of the *Lutheran*, 99,000 of Lutheran Young Folks, 33,500 of Lutheran Boys and Girls, 4,600 of Der Deutsche Lutheraner, 149,700 of the Sunday School Monthlies and 445,200 of the Sunday School Quarterlies.

In carrying out the policy of the Parish and Church School Board, the Teacher's and Scholar's Scripture Lessons Quarterlies and the Pocket Lessons Leaf were merged with the Augsburg Quarterlies with the beginning of the present calendar year. This consolidation has been generally well received, as indicated by the fact that though these three quarterlies no longer appear, the number of quarterlies published has increased from 429,900 copies a year ago to 445,200 copies at the present time.

Hymnals.

Shortly after the last Convention the large word edition of the Common Service Book was brought out, suitable for use in Canada and other British Dominions. This was shortly afterward followed with a similar supply of the small word edition. Just before Easter this year an India paper edition of the small Common Service Book was published and offered in several attractive bindings. All of these various editions have been well received. Of the various hymnals there have been published since the last report the following number of copies: Common Service Book, 90,000 copies; Church Book, 3,000 copies; Book of Worship, 19,200 copies, and Kirchenbuch, 6,100 copies.

Prices.

The Board found it necessary to increase slightly the price of some periodicals and publications early in the fall of 1920 in order to cover a part of the increased cost of production as shown by the cost of operations during the first half of that year. These increases, however, did not anywhere near cover the increase in cost of materials the Board met with the latter half of 1920 and the early part of 1921. Since that time the Board has sought to avoid further increases and to reduce prices wherever possible. Some further price reductions have been decided on, to become effective this fall, and four of the quarterlies are to be increased in size without a corresponding price increase. But there is not, however, at this time much prospect of a further reduction in prices, as the cost of production is still nearly twice the pre-war level.

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Church Papers.

The *Lutheran* has been published as a thirty-two page weekly ever since the latter part of September, 1920. The publication of a weekly of this quality and size has required considerable financial support from the Board, as the advertising patronage is necessarily limited to the requirements as to what may properly appear in a Church paper, and the subscription receipts are not sufficient to cover fully the expense of publication. An increase of 50c. in the subscription price would make the paper self-sustaining.

The Board, however, does not at this time request such an increase in price, believing it would lessen the number of subscribers and thereby retard the growing unity of effort toward greater service within the Church. The Convention should appreciate that this periodical will cease to require a donation from the Board and will be a much more effective aid to every operation of the Church when the congregations are more conscious that it is a necessity if we are to deal with our Christian obligations in a co-ordinated manner. The present circulation does not include all our Church Councilmen, Sunday School officers and teachers, and leaders of congregational societies. The Board wishes to acknowledge the valuable help of the Women's Missionary Society in putting on a campaign for new subscribers last spring. Through their able assistance nearly 10,000 new subscribers were secured.

In response to the request of the German General Conference, the Board has been in consultation with the Church Paper Committee relative to the consolidation of *Der Deutsche Lutheraner* and *Lutherische Zions Bote*. Full agreement has been arrived at with the Church Paper Committee, leaving only the details of business arrangement to be worked out with the Lutheran Literary Board, the publishers of *Zions Bote*.

New Publication Building.

The Board has contracted with the Wark Company, of Philadelphia, for the erection of an eight-story and basement building, to be located at Thirteenth and Spruce streets, Philadelphia, to carry the name Muhlenberg Building. The plans call for a structure with a frontage of 74 feet on Spruce street and 117 feet on Thirteenth street. It is "office type" in architecture, with extra strengthening of the lower floors to make them adequate for the load of printing machinery. The seventh and eighth floors are designed for offices for Church Boards and the entire building can be changed into an office building should such an alteration become advantageous.

The ground for this building was purchased at $150,000. Our contract with the Wark Company is to pay $478,000 for its erection. The needed furnishings and additional printing machinery will require an additional expenditure estimated at $75,000.

The Board's ability to provide the United Lutheran Church with so desirable and valuable an asset is due mainly to funds arising from real

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estate transactions occurring during the last decade. The Publication Society and the General Council Board of Publication owned property on Arch street, Philadelphia, which was taken over by the city for a "parkway." For their holdings the two Boards received awards. Property on Seventeenth street and the Parkway purchased by the General Council Board from the proceeds of its award accrued in value and was sold in April, 1922, for the gross sum of $500,000, of which $350,000 is a mortgage due in one year. The net proceeds of this sale, together with the net proceeds of the Publication Society's award for its Arch street property (see Treasurer Hoover's schedule of invested securities), total about $585,000. By virtue of this resource, obtained without being gathered by profits on books, periodicals and commodities, the Board feels justified in so large a real estate investment. In addition to convenience for the carrying on and expansion of our business, we are thus enabled to offer quarters for various Lutheran Boards and activities, and to indicate by an impressive building the power and aspirations of our Church. There is also sincere gratification in the knowledge that ideals and plans toward which faithful members of former Boards have given themselves are now to be realized.

A Publication Program.

The Board is convinced that its full duty to the Church is not performed by the publication and distribution of official literature and of manuscripts offered to it by their authors. It believes that it has the further duty to initiate the preparation of literature of which the Church stands in need. Acting upon this conviction, the Board, at its meeting of July 25, 1922, unanimously adopted the report of a committee previously appointed to prepare a comprehensive publication program. The realization of this program will require some years of time and the investment of considerable capital, as well as the larger facilities for the manufacture and handling of books which its new plant will provide.

The program comprises the preparation and publication of books of nine different classes, and the titles provisionally chosen aggregate forty volumes. To seven of the nine classes of works additions will be made from time to time. The chief items of the program are as follows:

I. The completion at the earliest possible date of the edition of *Luther's Works in English*, begun by the General Council Publication Board, and of Smith and Jacobs' *Luther's Correspondence*, begun by the Lutheran Publication Society.

II. The preparation of an encyclopedic work of reference in not less than two volumes. In connection with this proposal the Board has entered into negotiations with the National Lutheran Council looking to the possible purchase of its rights in Jacobs and Haas' *Lutheran Encyclopedia*, published in 1899 by Charles Scribner's Sons and now owned by the National Council.

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III. A series of Theological Handbooks for use in theological seminaries.

IV. A series of books, primarily for laymen, on subjects connected with the doctrine, practices and history of the Church.

V. A series of Bible study books.

VI. A new two-volume commentary on the New Testament and other exegetical works for pastors and teachers.

VII. Books on religion for schools and colleges.

VIII. A series of devotional commentaries on the Church Year, the Passion History and the Greater Psalms.

IX. A series of religious books for young people.

The adoption of this program does not prevent the Board from accepting for publication other works of special merit which may be offered to it and which will, in its judgment, have a useful place in the Church's literature.

This program is presented to the Church as a tangible evidence of the Board's desire to be in the largest sense a serving agency through which contact may be established between the Church at large and the scholarship and literary ability of its pastors and teachers. It is for the carrying out of this program, as well as to provide for the growing volume of its official literature, that the Board feels the imperative need of the larger facilities which the Muhlenberg Building will furnish. In this work the Board hopes and confidently believes that it will have the cordial approval and support of the Church.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL P. SADTLER, *President.*
N. R. MELHORN, *Secretary.*

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS OF JUNE 30, 1921.

ASSETS.

Cash on Hand and in Banks			$48,411.47
Bills Receivable		$5,889.14	
Accounts Receivable	$142,901.27		
Subscriptions Due on Lutheran and Der Deutsche Lutheraner	16,528.00		
Advertising Accounts	2,425.61		
		161,854.88	
		$167,744.02	
Less Reserve for Doubtful Accounts		5,000.00	
			162,744.02
Accrued Rentals and Interest			632.50
Advances to Employees			51.00

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Merchandise and Stock on Hand in Philadelphia and Branch Houses	$197,352.61
Government Securities	311.30
Other Securities	95,690.20
Prepaid Insurance, Taxes and Telephone	1,295.66
Real Estate and Buildings	368,911.17
Machinery and Equipment	45,054.99
Furniture and Fixtures	13,354.23
Electrotype Plates	10,417.08
Editorial Library	107.07
Total	$944,333.30

LIABILITIES.

Bills Payable		$41,680.00
Accounts Payable		29,068.30
Accrued Salaries, Taxes, Interest, Agents' Fees, Royalties		4,624.69
Amount Due Subscribers on Subscriptions for Periodicals		74,254.41
Mortgages Payable		84,500.00
Contingent Liabilities.		
Bills Discounted	$5,541.70	
Accommodation Endorsement	295.00	
	$5,836.70	
Net Assets		710,205.90
Total		$944,333.30

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS OF JUNE 30, 1922.

ASSETS.

Cash on Hand and in Banks			$170,237.12
Bills Receivable		$5,839.14	
Accounts Receivable	$146,607.68		
Subscriptions Due on Der Deutsche Lutheraner	3,569.50		
Advertising Accounts	2,302.51		
		$152,479.69	
		$158,318.83	
Less Reserve for Doubtful Accounts		8,000.00	
			$150,318.83
Accrued Rentals and Interest			1,100.68
Advances to Employees			47.50
Merchandise and Stock on Hand in Philadelphia and Branch Houses			197,344.89
Government Securities			42,242.00
Other Securities			52,228.70
Mortgage			350,000.00
Prepaid Insurance, Taxes and Water Rent			2,582.60
Real Estate and Buildings			226,338.79
Machinery and Equipment			33,493.45

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Furniture and Fixtures		$13,301.40
Electrotype Plates		7,562.43
Total		$1,246,798.39

LIABILITIES.

Accounts Payable		$23,698.51
Accrued Salaries, Interest, Royalties and Water Rent		2,967.84
Amount Due Subscribers on Subscriptions for Periodicals		75,884.00
Mortgages Payable		112,500.00
Contingent Liabilities.		
Bills Discounted	$5,541.70	
Accommodation Endorsement	180.00	
	$5,721.70	
Net Assets		$1,031,748.04
Total		$1,246,798.39

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

For the Eleven Months Ended 30th of June, 1921.

Gross Sales of Books, Advertising, etc.	$617,929.62	
Less Returns, Allowances and Discounts	15,071.84	
Net Sales		$602,857.78
Purchases: Books, Merchandise, Paper, Printing and Binding	$368,188.54	
Printing Department Wages and Editorial Salaries	68,464.24	
Authors and Contributors	5,348.48	
Royalties	980.25	
Shipping and Mailing Expenses (Including Postage)	34,473.71	
Freight, Expressage and Hauling	3,572.63	
Rent	7,133.32	
Power and Light	$2,891.73	
General Manufacturing Expense	831.20	
Insurance	1,293.80	
Taxes	91.88	
Depreciation of Machinery, etc.	8,077.06	
	$501,346.84	
Add, Decrease in Inventories	2,749.00	
	$504,095.84	
Deduct:		
Sales of Waste, etc. $4,267.56		
Transfer to Lutheran Women's Work 1,484.80		
Discounts on Purchases 542.45		
	6,294.81	
		$497,801.03
Gross Profit on Sales		$105,056.75
Selling, Administrative and General Expenses:		
Executive and Office Salaries	$34,854.79	
Office Supplies and Expenses	6,911.22	

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Expenses of Board Meetings, etc.		$1,116.28	
Telephone, Telegraph and Messenger Service		660.62	
Advertising		951.64	
Auditing		500.00	
Memberships		406.32	
Traveling Expense		1,083.49	
General Expense		2,487.18	
Branch Office:			
Rentals	$5,345.54		
Postage	1,991.85		
Freight, Hauling, Shipping, etc.	1,290.58		
Insurance	741.51		
Taxes and Water Rent	1,581.84		
		10,951.32	
Donations		500.00	
Uncollectible Accounts, Charged Off		364.48	
Depreciation of Furniture and Fixtures		1,302.17	
Loss on Sale of Storage Building		191.05	
Loss on the Publication "Tidings," Discontinued		152.42	
			$62,432.98
			$42,623.77
Other Income:			
Rental from Properties	$10,793.95		
Less, Taxes and Expenses of Properties	6,367.91		
		$4,426.04	
Interest:			
On Investments	$6,024.25		
On Bank Balances	849.24		
		6,873.49	
Profit on Building and Loan Stock Matured		1,440.00	
Profit on Sale of Machinery		926.22	
			13,665.75
Profit Before Interest			$56,289.52
Interest:			
On Mortgages	$1,213.09		
On Loans	1,815.45		
			$3,028.54
			$53,260.98
Deduct, Profit to Women's Missionary Society on "Boys and Girls"			347.70
Net Profit for the Period			$52,913.28

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

For the Year Ended 30th of June, 1922.

Gross Sales of Books, Advertising, etc.		$614,111.95	
Less Returns, Allowances and Discounts		19,038.51	
Net Sales			$595,073.44
Purchases: Books, Merchandise, Paper, Printing and Binding		$359,567.63	
Printing Department Wages and Editorial Salaries		59,530.80	

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Authors and Contributors		$5,639.78	
Royalties		3,081.92	
Shipping and Mailing Expenses (Including Postage)		39,874.23	
Freight, Expressage and Hauling		3,448.47	
Rent		12,000.00	
Power and Light		1,932.18	
General Manufacturing Expense		339.54	
Insurance		2,213.83	
Taxes		153.05	
Depreciation of Machinery		7,424.96	
		$495,206.39	
Add, Decrease in Inventories		7.72	
		$495,214.11	
Deduct:			
Sales of Waste, etc.	$1,147.45		
Discounts of Purchases	1,870.16		
		3,017.61	
			$492,196.50
Gross Profit on Sales			$102,876.94
Selling, Administrative and General Expenses:			
Executive and Office Salaries		$43,782.28	
Office Supplies and Expenses		2,983.88	
Expenses of Board Meetings, etc.		760.12	
Telephone, Telegraph and Messenger Service		773.90	
Advertising		862.32	
Auditing		2,047.69	
Memberships		464.50	
Traveling Expense		1,238.20	
General Expense		2,753.88	
Branch Office:			
Rentals	$6,238.96		
Postage	1,955.60		
Freight, Hauling, Shipping, etc.	1,311.32		
Insurance	498.49		
Taxes and Water Rent	22.63		
	$10,027.00		
Adjustment of Differences Between Branch Office and Home Office Accounts	329.49		
		9,697.51	
Donations		262.65	
Reserve for Doubtful Accounts		3,000.00	
Depreciation of Furniture and Fixtures		1,494.19	
Appropriation to the Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church in America		1,000.00	
			71,121.12
			$31,755.82
Other Income:			
Rental from Properties	$15,380.65		
Less Taxes and Expenses of Properties	9,291.77		
		$6,088.88	

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Interest:			
On Investments	$6,273.49		
On Bank Balances	709.14		
On Bills Receivable	4.16		
		$6,986.79	
			$13,075.67
Profit Before Interest			$44,831.49
Interest:			
On Mortgages		$6,238.33	
On Loans		2,042.62	
			8,280.95
			$36,550.54
Add, Proportion of Loss on "Boys and Girls" Due from the Women's Missionary Society			302.45
Net Profit for the Period			$36,852.99

Respectfully submitted,
GRANT HULTBERG, *Business Manager.*
E. G. HOOVER, *Treasurer.*

Philadelphia, 21st August, 1922.

We certify that we have examined the accounts of the Board of Publication of the United Lutheran Church in America for the eleven months ended 30th June, 1921, and for the year ended 30th June, 1922, and that the foregoing statements correctly set forth its financial condition at 30th June, 1921, and 30th June, 1922, and the results of its operations for the twenty-three months ended 30th June, 1922.

Very truly yours,
LYBRAND ROSS BROS. & MONTGOMERY,
Accountants and Auditors.

RESERVE FUND.

Schedule of securities in the Reserve Fund held by the Treasurer. The value given is the market value as of June 30, 1922. These securities are included in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities, and the Income and Payments are included in the Consolidated Profit and Loss Account.

Stocks		
20	Shares Riverside Traction Co. Pfd., Par $50	$400.00
Bonds		
$5,000	Baltimore & Ohio R. R. 1st Mtge. 4s, 1948	4,062.50
5,600	Electric & Peoples Traction Co. 4% Stock Trust Certificates, 1945	3,794.00
4,000	Equitable Illuminating Gas Light Co. 1st Mtge. 5s, 1928	4,000.00
6,000	Lehigh Coal & Navigation Co. Cons. S. S. Gold 4½s, 1954	5,640.00
5,000	Lehigh Valley R. R. Co. Genl. Cons. Mtge. 4s, 2003	4,025 00
1,000	Lehigh Valley R. R. Co. Genl. Cons. Mtge. 4½s, 2003	900.00
10,000	Pennsylvania R. R. Co. Cons. Mtge. 4½s, 1960	9,850.00
3,000	Perkiomen R. R. Co. 1st Series Mtge. 5s, 1938	2,880.00
4,000	Riverside Traction Co. 1st Mtge. 5s, 1960	2,600.00
1,000	Rome (N. Y.) Gas, Electric Light & Power Co. 1st Mtge. 5s, 1931	750.00
4,000	Tri-City Ry. & Light Co. 1st Lien Coll. Tr. S. F. Gold 5s, 1923	4,000.00

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$10,000 U. S. First Liberty Loan Conv. 4¼s	$10,022.00
25,000 U. S. Third Liberty Loan 4¼s	25,020.00
7,000 U. S. Fourth Liberty Loan 4¼s	7,000.00
3,000 United Traction Co. of Pittsburgh Genl. 5s, 1997	1,860.00
1,000 Western N. Y. & Penna. R. R. Co. 1st Mtge. 5s, 1937	975.00
4,000 Wichita Falls & Northwestern R. R. Co. 1st & Ref. 5s, 1940	2,667.20
	$90,445.70

JOHN RUNG FUND.

The securities in this fund and the income therefrom are included in the Consolidated Statements of Assets and Liabilities and Statements of Profit and Loss.

Bonds

$3,000 Hestonville, Mantua & Fairmount Pass. Ry. Co. Cons. Mtge. 5s, 1924	$2,850.00
1,000 Western N. Y. & Penna. R. R. Co. 1st Mtge. 5s, 1937	975.00
Cash on Deposit	977.63
	$4,802.63

Respectfully submitted,
E. G. HOOVER, *Treasurer.*

The Report was adopted as a whole.

The Convention adjourned with prayer by the Rev. W. H. B. Carney.

Afternoon Session

Monday, October 23, 2:00.

Devotions were conducted by the Rev. George J. Gongaware.

Acting President Burgess called the Convention to order.

The Committee of Reference and Counsel moved the adoption of the following recommendation previously offered:

That the By-Laws be amended by striking from the list of Standing Committees the name of the "Committee on Army and Navy Chaplains," and inserting therefor the "Committee on Army and Navy Work."

The proposed amendment was adopted by a two-thirds vote.

The Rev. H. E. Jacobs offered the following which was adopted:

That the Executive Board be requested, in case it be in its judgment desirable, to reformulate section VIII of the By-Laws to prevent any misunderstandings as to any difference with the provisions specified by the State of New York as to amendments to By-Laws of its corporations and to report to the next Convention.

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The Committee submitted the following resolutions which were adopted:

1. Resolved, That hereafter the printed Bulletins of the Convention include a directory of elective Boards and Committees.

2. Whereas there are in California and other Pacific Coast states, 100,000 or more Asiatic people, the majority of whom are Japanese, be it resolved that the Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church be hereby requested to direct the attention of the Immigrants Mission Board to this fact with the request that investigation of the possibilities of working among the Asiatics, especially the Japanese, be made, and that if the investigation justifies the movement, work be inaugurated among them as soon as possible.

3. Be it resolved, That the rule of the Convention of The United Lutheran Church in America be that all items affecting the budget of the Church be referred to the Executive Board for review and report before final action upon them is taken by the Convention.

At this point Dr. Koller of the Committee of Reference and Counsel read greetings from Dr. Raffay, Bishop of the United Lutheran Church of Hungary, from Dr. George Tomasti Janoska, Bishop President of the Slovakian Church, from the President of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of France, from Dr. K. Amelung, President of the Lutherischer Bund, from Dr. Ludwig Ihmels, Bishop of Saxony and from Dr. Chas. H. Brent, Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Western Diocese of New York.

On motion of the Rev. R. B. Peery, the letters of the Lutheran Bishops were referred to the Executive Board with instructions to send such reply as their wise judgment may suggest, and it was also ordered that they be spread upon the Minutes.

Budapest, Hungary, September 18, 1922.

To the Assembly of The United Lutheran Church:
Dear Fathers and Brethren.

Grace be unto you and peace from God our Father and from our Lord Jesus Christ!

The Hungarian Lutheran Church hereby conveys its warmest greeting, Christian love and grateful respect to the members assembled in the meeting of The United Lutheran Church in America.

We are obliged to you for your noble kindness in holding out a helping hand towards us, in the hour of distress, at the time of need, when our Church and country were on the verge of a breakdown. Accept, please,

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our special thanks for your willingness in establishing an agreement with our Church in the spirit of real brotherhood. We feel certain that this relation of ours will conduce to the benefit of the faith in the Gospel, and the glory of God.

The blessing of our Lord be with you and your meeting. The result thereof should give strength of faith to our brethren. May it also work for the good of our Lutheran Churches, the religious zeal therein, and foster unity in fraternal love.

Impoverished and reduced in numbers, we, Hungarian Lutherans, have no other riches left but the blessings of our Lord's Gospel, and the love of our brethren. We ask you to bear us in remembrance.

May the richest blessing of our Lord rest upon you and your deliberations.

(Signed) D. RAFFAY, Bishop.

Office of the Bishop of the Ev. Luth. Church in Slovakia.
(Eastern District)

Liptovsky Svaty Mikulas, September 20, 1922.

To the Honorable Convention of The United Lutheran Church in America, meeting in Buffalo, New York,
Greetings in Christ Jesus!

Highly esteemed Gentlemen!
Dear Brethren:

The brotherly relation, which has developed between us, between your Church and our Church, since our (Slovak) Church became independent in the Czecho-Slovak Republic, and particularly since our brethren, countrymen, associated in the Zion Synod, are members of your great ecclesiastical organization, leads us to approach and address you, in order that we may greet you with a brotherly greeting in your assembly.

We are led to this both by the live consciousness that we feel that we are near to you in faith and confession, and by a feeling of thankfulness and gratefulness for the good your Church has done for many years and is still doing among our emigrants who have come to your shores and are scattered over the wide territory of your American nation, and what you have done and are still doing through the European Commission of the National Lutheran Council to relieve the great need of our pastors, pensioners, widows and orphans, and to aid the needy congregations and institutions of mercy in our Republic.

For all these deeds of love and mercy, we are bound to you with a feeling of cordial thanks.

But even more the prospect of our future mutual task leads us to address you in order that the bond of love may be strengthened and the unity of spirit be confirmed among us.

In view of this we have the honor to announce that by correspondence

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and personal conferences with your European representative, the highly esteemed Rev. Prof. J. A. Morehead, the matter has progressed so far that your proposition of an agreement for co-operation between your Church and our Church has been accepted and passed in our narrower conference August 29, (1922); and it is to be presented for ratification at our nearest General Assembly. When the General Assembly, as we trust, passes the agreement, we have the firm hope that this agreement will strengthen the consciousness of our fellowship in the unity of faith in Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, will help the spiritual and ecclesiastical life, and particularly will be a true blessing in the spiritual care of our emigrants and immigrants.

From a sincere heart wishing your Convention and its work grace and blessings from the Lord of the Church, and sending cordial greetings to all of our dear brethren in Christ, in the name and in the representation of the Ev. Lutheran Church /aug. conf./ in Slovakia, we remain,

Yours in brotherly love,

(Signed) Dr. John Vanovic, General Inspector of the Ev. Luth. /aug. conf./ Church in Slovakia.

(Signed) George Janoska, Bishop, President of the General Ev. Luth. /aug. conf./ Church in Slovakia.

Paris, le September 20th, 1922.

To the Convention of The United Lutheran Church assembled at Buffalo, Oct. 17-26.

To the President,

Dear Sir:

It is a great pleasure for the Evangelical Lutheran Church of France to have the opportunity, through the Buffalo Convention, of sending her fraternal and affectionate greetings to the United Lutheran Church in America.

She wishes to express her deepest gratitude for the generous gifts which she has received, and which have enabled her to maintain all her institutions.

She is especially grateful for the visit of the last delegate, Dr. Morehead, who has established between our two Churches an alliance resting on a strong basis of mutual trust and sympathy.

Allow us to thank you as well as Dr. Morehead and all those who took a part in it, for the general work that has been done in Europe. This work accomplished for the glory of God, and of our Saviour Jesus Christ, is a blessing for the world, and for the Church also. Thanks to the spirit of sacrifice and service which she has awakened in all hearts, she has strengthened the faith of her members, she has established unity in co-operation and action; your delegates have been the messengers of good tidings in the war-devastated countries, and the Lutheran Church has revealed herself to the world as a saving power. We thank you for having

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given our Church the means of realizing this and of showing the world an example of Faith and Charity.

God bless the Buffalo Convention.

God bless the Lutheran Church all over the world.

L'Inspecteur Ecclesiastique — Le President

(Signed) H. Bach, Insp. Ecc. — (Signed) Count Paul de Pourtales.

Dresden, A. 24, Leubuitzer. Strasse 2, II.
September 9, 1922.

To this year's Convention of the
United Lutheran Church in America, Buffalo, N. Y.

As I have learned from your esteemed President, Dr. Knubel, there will again be a convention of The United Lutheran Church in America this year for the discussion of important questions, permit me, esteemed Sirs and Brethren, to extend to the convention in the name of the Lutherischer Bund, which has made the maintenance and strengthening of confessional Lutheran churches in Germany its object, God's richest blessings upon your transactions so that you may prosper under the guidance of His Holy Spirit to the real furtherance of His Kingdom and the glorifying of His Holy Name.

I rejoice in this opportunity to thank The United Lutheran Church in America in the name of the Lutherischer Bund for all the loyal and fraternal help which the distressed Lutheran Church in Germany has received from you also in such rich measure in these times. The ever rich God requite it unto you according to His grace and mercy! May He strengthen you by His precious Holy Spirit that in these times of uncertainty and apostasy you may stand unshakably firm upon the solid foundation of His Divine Word and the Confessions of our dear Lutheran Church. May He also graciously vouchsafe that this confession may prove itself a power unto life in your Church as well as in ours, which will penetrate the entire life of the Church and will drive out or destroy everything that cannot subsist before the holy face of the exalted Lord and King of His Church, and which will produce noble fruit upon which His eye may rest with approval. Let us all unite with Luther in his praise of the holy Christian Church:

"I love her well, the Virgin pure
I shall forget her never;
Her laud and praise for aye endure,
She holds my heart for ever!"

May the Lord make us faithful in His service and that of this pure Virgin!

With this wish I greet the venerable Convention in the name of the Lutherischer Bund.

(Signed) Dr. K. Amelung, President.

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Leipzig, Schillerstrasse 8 II,
Juli 29, 1922.

The President of the The United Lutheran
Church in America.

Most Honored President:—

Quite a long time ago you sent me a preliminary announcement of your Convention in October, and asked me to consider if it would be possible for me to take part in it. Now you have transmitted to me through Dr. Morehead an official invitation, for which you prepared me by telegram.

Be assured that I have received your invitation with sincere and deep gratitude and that it would coincide with my own inmost desire, if I might be permitted for once to enjoy the unity in the faith with the brethren in America and to take part in the important Convention of The United Lutheran Church. But since your invitation in the spring, the circumstances have been altered completely for me, inasmuch as I have been called as the future Bishop of Saxony and must enter upon my official duties the first of October. In view of this I cannot possibly travel to America immediately after assuming my office, to be absent from the Church of Saxony for several weeks. My assumption of the office has already been retarded by the work of the semester and the beginning of my work is being expected from every side. It would not be understood if I should at once abandon my immediate duty, to serve elsewhere. This applies all the more in view of the fact that as soon as possible after my consecration, the Church of Saxony must meet in convention. What would people say if I should not participate in it but would attend a foreign convention?

I may confidently hope that you will understand the reasons which necessitate my absence. Perhaps at some other time the opportunity may come for personal intercourse with the dear American brethren. Today, all I can do is to send my most hearty good wishes and prayers by this means. May God bestow His richest blessings upon this very important convention, so that through all things His Kingdom may come. But let the esteemed brethren be assured that in the time to come it will be my concern to cultivate in my modest way the communion and work of the entire Lutheran Church.

And may the Lord of the Church be with you as with us.

In cordial fellowship in the faith,

Very respectfully yours,
(Signed) IHMELS.

Moved and carried, That greetings be sent in reply to Bishop Brent of the Protestant Episcopal Church by the President of The United Lutheran Church.

On motion of the Chairman of the Committee of Reference and Counsel the hearing of the report of the National Lutheran Council

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was made the special order of the day and the Rev. H. A. Weller presented the report as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE NATIONAL LUTHERAN COUNCIL

Your Commissioners have the honor to submit their report of the work of the National Lutheran Council for the past Biennium of The United Lutheran Church in America.

I. Relief and Reconstruction Work in Europe—The greatest work claiming the continued attention of the National Lutheran Council has been the problem of physical and spiritual relief in the countries of Europe torn by the great World War.

Incident to this work is the work of salvaging Lutheran Missions and Mission Fields in what is commonly known as Foreign Mission Work.

The published reports of the National Lutheran Council have been placed in the hands of every clerical member of the Lutheran Church in America, and contain the matter of European and Foreign Mission Work, in such detail that it would be supererogation to attempt even a resumé in this report. Your Commission would like, therefore, to refer in this behalf to the published Annual Reports of the National Lutheran Council.

II. Changes in Administration—Until the annual meeting of the National Lutheran Council, in December, 1920, one of the Presidents of participating General Bodies—the Rev. Dr. H. G. Stub of the Norwegian Lutheran Church in America—served the Council as its first President, with self-sacrificing devotion and dignified leadership, during a most trying period of its history.

Recognizing that the burdens which the Council must lay upon its President can hardly be carried by one who is, at the same time, President of a Synodical or General Body, the Council determined to call to that office one who could give and devote his entire time to it. In recognition of his personal merit and his grasp of all the problems to be met, by reason of his opportunity as the former General Secretary, the Rev. Lauritz Larsen, D.D., LL.D., was elected. The office of General Secretary was abolished, laying all that work upon the President of the Council. Provision was also made for a salary to enable the President to give his entire time to the call of his office.

The Rev. President of the United Lutheran Church in America had, from its organization, served as a member of the Executive Committee of the Council; but, advocating that Presidents of participating General Bodies would be in better position to function in the promotion of the true purpose and value of the National Lutheran Council if they were not active members of its Executive Committee, he expressed a desire to be relieved of that office in the Council, and the Rev. Dr. Charles M. Jacobs of our Commission of the United Lutheran Church was elected in his stead. The

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following elected officers and members thereupon began to function as the Executive Committee: President, Dr. Lauritz Larsen; Vice-President, Dr. C. H. L. Schuette; Recording Secretary, Dr. Peter Peterson; Treasurer, Hon. E. F. Eilert, and the Rev. Drs. H. G. Stub, I. Gersten, G. A. Brandelle, H. A. Weller and C. M. Jacobs.

Some misunderstandings having arisen in the minds of men of the Iowa Synod concerning the interpretation of Article II of the Regulations governing the purpose and work of the National Lutheran Council, the Council, at the same annual meeting, adopted the following resolution in amplification:

Resolved, That Article II of the Regulations be amended so that the following statement be inserted as an introduction to Article III:

(a) In stating its objects and purposes the National Lutheran Council declares,

1. That it will not interfere with the organization, the inner life, or the principles of fellowship of its constituent Bodies;

2. That the execution of these purposes will be carried out without prejudice to the confessional basis of any participating Body (i. e., without dealing with matters which require confessional unity);

3. That it is the right of the Bodies themselves to determine the extent of co-operation.

III. International Lutheran Convention—At the last Convention of the United Lutheran Church the question of action looking to the holding of a Lutheran Ecumenical Conference being under consideration, it was resolved:

"That the United Lutheran Church looks with approval upon the holding of an Ecumenical Lutheran Conference in Europe"; and the Executive Board was instructed to invite the co-operation of other Lutheran bodies in arranging for such Conference, etc. (Minutes, 1920, pp. 86, 4; 442, 4.)

Similar undertakings on the part of participant bodies moved the National Lutheran Council to authorize the preparation of plans and a program for such international conference of Lutherans, and to appoint a committee to consult European Lutheran bodies. The plan and program evolved provided for an "International Lutheran Convention" to "promote clearer understanding within and among the groups represented," to be "called by the National Lutheran Council acting jointly with the Allgemeine Lutherische Konferenz and the Lutherische Bund" for a discussion of:

"1. The place of the Confessions in the Church.

"2. Methods and principles of Church organization.

"3. The relation of the Lutheran Church to programs of union with other Churches.

"4. Foreign Mission problems."

This purpose and program was later heartily approved by the Allgemeine Ev. Lutherische Konferenz, which appointed a committee for joint action to promote such convention.

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The Lutherische Bund took favorable action and appointed a committee to participate in a joint meeting for arrangement of a program, but decided that by reason of its numerical and financial weakness it was not in a position to participate directly in the calling of such a convention.

In June, 1922, joint meetings of the committees of the bodies above named were held. Our European Commissioners, togethers with the Rev. G. A. Brandelle, D.D., represented the National Lutheran Council. At the time of the writing of this report such International Lutheran Convention is in process of joint promotion, with prospect of its being held in Europe during the next Biennium of our United Lutheran Church.

IV. Finances—To afford to all members of the United Lutheran Church an intelligent view of the financial operations incident to the work given the National Lutheran Council to administer, it is deemed best to insert and publish in this report a memorandum of operations from the beginning (September 6, 1919) to July 1, 1922, a period of three years and ten months.

RECEIPTS.

Campaign of 1918-19		$628,232.64
Clothing Campaign		279,379.24
Campaign of 1920		1,208,852.95
Campaign of 1921		534,844.62
		$2,651,309.45
Interest on Deposits and Investments		44,115.69
Total Receipts		$2,695,425.14
Deduct—Cost of Various Campaigns		219,768.29
Net Available Balance for N. L. C.		$2,475,656.85

EXPENDITURES.

Relief and Reconstruction:*		
Detailed Memo. Appended	$1,828,959.71	
Expenses of Commissioners:		
European	52,658.14	
Foreign Missions	2,193.34	
		$1,883,811.19
Educational and Publicity Work:		
Lutheran Bureau	$53,184.80	
Lutheran Bureau Reference Department	19,452.96	
Statistical Department and Almanac	28,307.37	
Diet at Worms Celebration	2,500.00	
		103,445.13
Administration Expenses:		
Executive. (Principally for Traveling, Meetings and Washington Office)	$10,874.15	
General Office. (Including Salaries, Clerical Help, Postage, Rent, Telephone, etc.)	41,398.59	
Financial Office. (Including Clerical Help, Postage, Recordings, Rents, etc., for the		

*Detailed memorandum of expenditures for relief and reconstruction to June 30, 1922.

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Handling of the Funds and Exchange)	$48,128.08	
Printing, etc., Annual Reports	6,728.34	
		$107,129.16
Total Expenditures		$2,094,385.48
Balance on Hand, Cash and Securities, July 1, 1922		$381,271.37
Of this balance available to do the work begun and for the balance of the year 1922 there had already been designated and held ready for payment as appropriated		$261,502.15
Leaving available for balance of the year, and all this with the great domain of Russian and its great need for relief really just opened		$119,769.22
European and Other Countries:		
France		$111,831.63
Germany		386,233.52
Poland		297,988.04
Austria		72,786.38
Czecho-Slovakia		45,293.75
Latvia		45,563.33
Roumania		78,075.35
Finland		49,338.00
Esthonia		29,701.73
Hungary		72,008.06
Lithuania		2,826.59
Danzig		1,412.18
Jugo-Slavia		11,839.30
Ukraine		12,500.00
Italy		1,492.00
Siberia		2,015.14
Russian Refugees		8,000.00
Russia		115,718.49
Spain		2,731.54
Turkey		204.00
Switzerland		5.00
American Friends' Fund		174.00
Near East Relief		6,135.67
China Famine Fund		14,536.00
Jerusalem		5.00
Emergency Relief		500.00
Clothing Relief		167,428.07
Industrial Work		1,795.00
Undesignated		11,165.10
European Relief Council		952.07
Foreign Missions:		
China		142,256.15
India		71,542.92
Japan		12,299.25
Persia		55.00
Africa		49,074.52
South America		3,476.93
Total		$1,828,959.71

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V.—Restatement of Purpose and Scope of Council.

The National Lutheran Council, organized primarily as an agency of and by the General Bodies of the Lutheran Church in America to function in representative, publicative, mutually co-ordinating and harmonizing capacity for the Lutheran Church in America, at its very beginning met with a divine order whereby the dire needs of fellow believers who were dying of hunger, lack of clothing and shelter, or in imprisonments under impossible conditions in other lands, turned every force the Council could muster into channels of administration for physical and spiritual relief and the rescue, re-establishment and restoration of the Church of the Lutheran faith which, as an organized entity, was tottering and shattered by the Great War in Europe.

In the publicity of ecclesiastical activities this soon overshadowed whatever of the primary functions of its activities the Council could and did exercise in the homeland. So overwhelmingly did the almost miraculous labors of love to safeguard the Church in America by the rescue of the Church of our faith and the salvage of Christian civilization in Europe, and the promotion of the consciousness of a common task among the Lutheran forces of the world against materialistic unbelief and unchristian aggression operate, that the National Lutheran Council scarcely found time to orientate itself to the original purpose of its organization.

When, through its offices and the indescribably and almost vicariously remarkable labors of its Commissioner in Europe, Dr. Morehead and his co-laborers on the far-flung fields of supreme distress, the organization for the administration of what American Lutherans gave for such relief and rescue work was sufficiently established to permit the Council to take account of itself (to which accounting it was challenged by conditions reflecting general after-war unrest arising and asserting themselves in the Church Bodies of America), it was determined and a committee was appointed to take under advisement and report upon "The future financing of the Council and of a possible restatement of its scope and purposes." Of suggestions, many, and advice good, bad and indifferent, some wholesome and much of it inimical to all good order and polity and the co-operative life of the Lutheran Church in America, began to flow in steady stream until a Special Committee of Presidents of Participating Bodies and the President of the Council evolved the following declaration which was adopted and is here reported in full for the information of the whole United Lutheran Church:

A. In accordance with regulations governing the National Lutheran Council, it is not a federation but only a representative agency of the General Bodies supporting it and exists for specific purposes.

1. It is recommended that the term "Constituent Bodies" in the first sentence of Article II of the Regulations Governing the National Lutheran Council be understood as meaning nothing more than "participating" bodies.

2. It is recommended that the letterheads and literature of the National

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Lutheran Council carry the following statement: "An Agency for," to be followed by an alphabetical list of the participating bodies.

3. The National Lutheran Council should use the regular Commissioners on all its committees. In an emergency, however, committees may be appointed outside of the Commissioners, but with the consent and approval of the Presidents of the participating bodies.

4. The National Lutheran Council shall not hold formal membership in other agencies of the General Bodies.

B. The work of the Council properly falls into two divisions, viz., Regular Work and Emergency Work.

C.—Regular Work.

1. Representation of the Lutheran Church in its attitude towards,

a. The National Government whenever needed. This is not to exclude direct approach to the Government which any General Body may wish to make.

b. Organized Bodies and Movements outside of the Lutheran Church that may require common action. This is to be undertaken only after consultation with the authorities of the General Bodies.

2. *Statistics*—Includes the Year Book (the Lutheran World Almanac and Annual Encyclopedia). It is to be directed by the Council itself in consultation with the statistical authorities of the General Bodies. With reference to General Bodies not supporting the National Lutheran Council, it may seek co-operation with their statistical authorities.

3. *Reference Library*—A center of valuable information for the Church in general.

4. *Publicity*—(Note: This includes publicity not primarily for the National Lutheran Council but for the whole Lutheran Church and for the General Bodies in particular; also the development of the idea of publicity among the Lutheran congregations, the publication of literature designed not to teach but to promote knowledge of the Lutheran Church, the supervision of general Lutheran anniversaries and similar occasions in which the General Bodies are interested.)

5. Additional items of regular work may be undertaken only with the specific consent of the General Bodies which support the National Lutheran Council.

D.—Emergency Work.

1. To bring physical help to Lutherans in countries affected by war, famine and other calamities.

2. As far as possible to extend to groups, which, according to their confession, are true Lutherans, the material aid which is essential to the reconstruction of their Church work.

3. In co-operation with the Foreign Missions Conference to sustain by gifts and loans Lutheran Missionary Societies in different countries, which without this help from America would be ruined or at least hampered

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in their mission. For the purpose of this emergency work the National Lutheran Council may, until the emergency is past, hold membership in the Lutheran Foreign Missions Conference.

4. To operate for the General Bodies in any new emergencies which may arise. This may be done, however, only with the consent of the ad interim executive authorities of the General Bodies.

5. Whenever any emergency work is to be conducted it shall be carried on by a separate Emergency Department of the National Lutheran Council in case it can not be done by the executive office itself. The special department is to be discontinued as soon as the emergency ceases.

E.—Finances for Regular Work.

It is estimated that the cost of this service to the Church will be $30,000 per year. In accordance with the Articles of Agreement (No. XV.) this amount shall be apportioned upon the General Bodies which support the National Lutheran Council, beginning January 1, 1923.

F.—Finances of Emergency Work.

1. The present Emergency shall be arranged as soon as possible so that it will be carried on to its conclusion entirely by a special department of the National Lutheran Council. The National Lutheran Council expresses its conviction that the Relief Work in Europe should be continued and recommends to the participating Bodies that an appeal for funds be made.

2. All new emergencies which may arise and which are to be cared for by the National Lutheran Council, in accordance with D, 4 and 5 above, shall be financed by special methods which are to be consented to by the ad interim executive authorities of the General Bodies.

VI.—Emergency Fund.

Taking into account

a. Above statement on finances;

b. The re-statement of purpose and scope;

c. The action of the U. L. C. in 1920, recognizing the need of a total of $5,000,000 for European Relief and Reconstruction, payable by the Churches in four annual installments;

d. The large shortcoming in raising the quotas for 1921-22; it will be patent that it would have been far better not to have undertaken the work in Europe at all if it is to be abandoned for lack of support by the Churches at a stage when history would have to record such abandonment, coming at a crucial time, as having raised false hopes in the breasts of their fellow believers in the countries of Europe, including Russia and the Foreign Mission Stations; and that these hopes were wrecked just short of the re-establishment of the Lutheran Faith as a force in the civilization of the world. It will be equally patent that if the work, so earnestly undertaken and zealously supported by the American Lutheran Church through the agency of the National Lutheran Council, is to be carried on at all, or systematically, it will be immediately imperative that the emergency fund

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of the National Lutheran Council be generously replenished through the channels created and accepted for its administration. It must be patent also that any diversion of such relief funds from the accepted channels of administration and used for synodical, congregational, or individual local application will militate against a true, systematic, ecclesiastical reconstruction of the whole system of the Lutheran Church organization, and the re-establishment of the faith with any promise of cohesion and permanence.

Surely American Lutherans are not so shortsighted, and the restless scramble for material wealth can not so harden Lutheran hearts against the needs of their brethren, that now we become reckless toward the completion of a work so auspiciously begun, and render the gifts our people gave useless, if not absolutely inimical to a fructification of the seed of hope which we have sown.

In this behalf, therefore, based upon the most careful and conservative estimates made by those who are in direct contact with the European Lutheran needs, the National Lutheran Council emergency fund will have to be augmented immediately, or not later than January 1, 1923, by a sum of at least $850,000. Some of the participating Bodies have already approved the appeal for this emergency fund. The appeal from the National Lutheran Council came to the Executive Board of our United Lutheran Church, where it was approved and the matter of amount and time referred to our Commission (Minutes Executive Board, July 11, 12, 1922, p. 223, paragraph 3).

In making our recommendations concerning this appeal to the congregations of the United Lutheran Church, we have to keep in mind (a) the lateness of the convention of 1922; (b) the already determined Every-Member-Canvass during Thanksgiving week, which should not be interfered with nor connected with any other matter; (c) the necessity for having the monies to be contributed by our congregations in the Treasury of the National Lutheran Council not later than January 1, 1923; and, (d) the possibility of attaining, if our pastors will earnestly present the matter to their people and hold the ingathering of such funds between December 1 and the Christmas Holidays of 1922.

RECOMMENDATIONS: In the consideration of this report, the following action is respectfully recommended:

1. The United Lutheran Church commends the work of the National Lutheran Council, especially in the matter of European Relief and Reconstruction, and gives voice to its appreciation of the signally devoted labors and personal sacrifices of our own Dr. J. A. Morehead and his co-workers in Europe.

2. The United Lutheran Church approves and accepts the Amplifying Statement in regard to ARTICLE II of the Regulations Governing the N. L. C. reported in Paragraph II of this report.

3. The United Lutheran Church has learned with satisfaction of the

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undertakings of the National Lutheran Council, as the agency for its participating Bodies, to promote an International Lutheran Convention at an early date in co-operation with the Allgemeine Ev. Lutherische Konferenz and the Lutherische Bund; and approves of the tentative program of matters to be discussed in such Convention.

In this behalf, also, the United Lutheran Church deems it important that

(a) In determining the personnel of the membership of such International Lutheran Convention, the representatives from the United States and Canada shall be appointed by the General Bodies of Lutherans which decide to be represented in the Convention. The Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church in America is hereby authorized to make such appointments on behalf of that Church.

(b) In view of the variances in Organization of the Church in different Countries, and the desirability that the delegates to such Convention shall be men whose participation will carry weight in their own Church Bodies, as well as being representative of the best interests of true, confessional, and historical Lutheranism, the United Lutheran Church urges the favorable consideration of a workable plan of "mixed" membership; i. e., in part official, and in part unofficial: the Churches so organized that they can appoint delegates to make such appointments, and the Churches not so organized to be represented by unofficial delegates who may be chosen by groups within the Churches.

(c) That the Organized Churches who will appoint delegates undertake to defray the expenses of such appointees to enable them to be in attendance upon all the sessions of such International Convention, and render full report to the Bodies they represent.

(d) That the President and the Executive Board be authorized at the proper time to appoint representatives of the United Lutheran Church in the general committee of arrangements.

4. The United Lutheran Church appreciates and approves the reported "Re-statement of Purpose and Scope of the Council" (vid. V, above).

5. For the financing of the "Regular Work" of the National Lutheran Council, the United Lutheran Church apportions upon its constituency the amount of $20,000 to be paid, through regular channels of transmission and accounting, into the Treasury of the National Lutheran Council, beginning January 1, 1923.

6. Recognizing the immediate need for "Emergency Funds" to enable the Church, through the National Lutheran Council, to continue the much needed work begun for Relief and Re-construction in Europe and in Foreign Mission Lands of the Church, the United Lutheran Church approves the special appeal of the National Lutheran Council for a minimum sum of $850,000, and will attempt to raise its proportions of this amount, urging upon all its constituent synods and congregations and requesting all synodical officers and pastors to inaugurate the necessary measures for the intelligent

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information of all our people and the ingathering and transmission of their generous gifts for this purpose between December 1 and the Christmas Holidays of the present year. (Ample literature for information can be had upon application to the offices of the N. L. C., 437 Fifth Avenue, New York City.)

7. The United Lutheran Church will continue its commission to represent it in the National Lutheran Council.

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. WELLER, *Chairman,*
On behalf of the Commission.

It was moved and carried that the Rev. J. A. Morehead, Commissioner of the National Lutheran Council, who has been in charge of the relief work in Europe be heard. Dr. Morehead spoke feelingly of the suffering and need in Russia and other European countries and of the splendid results accomplished through the relief work done by the Churches in America, made special reference to the international Lutheran consciousness which had been created, and the enthusiasm with which the Churches of Europe are planning for the Lutheran World Convention at Eisenach in 1923.

The recommendations of the report of the Commissioners to the National Lutheran Council were then considered seriatim. Recommendations 1, 2 and 3 (a, b, c) were adopted.

Dr. C. M. Jacobs moved the insertion of the following as item d:

"That the President and the Executive Board be authorized at the proper time to appoint representatives of the United Lutheran Church in the general committee of arrangements."

On motion the item was adopted.

Recommendations 4, 5, 6 and 7 adopted.

The Report was adopted as a whole.

The Special Committee of Tellers for the election of President and Secretary reported. The report having shown that the Rev. F. H. Knubel had received a very large majority of the votes cast for President, a motion was made and carried that the Secretary cast the unanimous vote of the Convention for Dr. Knubel. There being no objection the Secretary cast the ballot and Dr. Knubel was declared elected President.

The newly elected President expressed his thanks and appealed

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to the members of the Convention for their hearty co-operation during the coming biennium.

The Tellers reported that the Rev. M. G. G. Scherer had received a majority of votes cast for the office of Secretary. Thereupon the Chair declared Dr. Scherer elected.

The Rev. J. A. Singmaster presented the report of the Common Service Book Committee as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMON SERVICE BOOK COMMITTEE

Two general meetings of the committee were held, January 13, 1921, and February 21, 1922, both at the Seminary at Mt. Airy. At the first meeting the Rev. Dr. J. A. Singmaster was elected Chairman, and the Rev. Dr. L. D. Reed, Secretary.

The committee suggested to the Publication Board the desirability of more substantial bindings in all editions of the Common Service Book.

The committee considered the advisability of including in the Occasional Services a Form for the Reception of Members from Other Churches, and has under consideration a form proposed.

A New Hymnal for Church Societies.

The committee considered the question referred to it by the United Lutheran Church (Minutes, 1920, p. 337), of publishing a small collection of "Hymns and Prayers," and decided to issue such a book. A sub-committee consisting of the Rev. Drs. Reed (Chairman), Clutz, Bauslin, Strodach and Ohl, prepared the material, which was carefully revised by the General Committee and publication authorized. The manuscript which is now in press, contains one hundred and fifty hymns, fifty Collects and Prayers, various Orders of Service, and a brief selection of Psalms, with indexes, etc. Many of the hymns are standard hymns of the Church found in the Common Service Book, but a large number of newer and lighter hymns and melodies are included. The Prayers, many of which are entirely new, cover all aspects of Church work, Missions in all its departments, Christian Education, Brotherhoods, etc. Representatives of the Women's Missionary Society, the Luther League and other leaders in Church activities, co-operated in the selection of material. The book will appear under the title, "Hymns and Prayers for Church Societies and Assemblies," and it is hoped that it will be found serviceable in the work of our societies, leagues, brotherhoods, Bible classes, summer schools and assemblies, and other organizations and activities of the Church.

The Family Service Book.

Work on the Family Service Book is steadily progressing. The committee has considered a large amount of carefully prepared material pre-

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sented in a printed proof copy by the sub-committee on this work, the Rev. Drs. Strodach (Chairman), A. T. Steinhaeuser, and E. K. Bell. The plan of the book provides brief Orders of Service for the morning and evening of each day in the week, with versicles, brief lessons and collects or prayers, concluding with the Lord's Prayer. The sub-committee has been authorized to complete the work, and after consultation with advisory members of the General Committee, to publish the book.

A PROPOSED INTERSYNODICAL HYMNAL.

The Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church having referred the invitation of the Lutheran Intersynodical Hymnal Committee to the United Lutheran Church to appoint representatives authorized to join in the preparation of material for a proposed new Common Hymnal to the Common Service Book Committee for an opinion, the committee replied that in its judgment it would be inadvisable for the United Lutheran Church to accept this invitation at this time. Our own Hymnal has been completed so recently, after many years of labor, that neither our own people nor the representatives of other Bodies should be given the impression that we are dissatisfied with our book or with the principles which determined its preparation. To enter officially upon the preparation of another Hymnal at this time would, we believe, give such a wrong impression, and would interfere with the further introduction of the Common Service Book in our own congregations.

The committee authorized the publication of a paper prepared by the Rev. Dr. H. E. Jacobs, discussing the principles and some of the processes by which the Hymnal of the Common Service Book had been prepared.

The committee presents no recommendations.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. SINGMASTER, *Chairman.*
LUTHER D. REED, *Secretary.*

The report was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Church Music was presented by the Rev. J. F. Ohl and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHURCH MUSIC

The committee met for organization in Philadelphia, January 11, 1920, and elected the Rev. J. F. Ohl, Mus. D., as Chairman, and the Rev. Prof. E. E. Fischer, D.D., as Secretary-Treasurer. Letters embodying various recommendations were read from members unable to attend the meeting.

A sub-committee, consisting of the Chairman, the Rev. Prof. L. D. Reed, D.D., Rev. G. C. Rees, D.D., Mr. Harry A. Sykes and Mr. Harold K. Marks, was appointed to arrange for the holding of Convocations wherever feasible.

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This committee was also instructed to confer with Committees on Summer Schools throughout the United Lutheran Church with a view to securing a place on the programs of all such schools for the presentation and discussion of subjects within the province of the Committee on Church Music.

It was also resolved that the Chairman act as a committee of one to consult with the Editorial Board of *The Lutheran* regarding the advisability and possibility of conducting a department in said paper devoted to the interests of Church Music. For the present such an arrangement cannot be effected.

The committee further resolved to continue the consideration of the advisability of publishing a journal devoted to the interests of Church Music, Liturgics, Church Art and Architecture, and sub-committees were appointed to present the matter to the Common Service Book Committee and the Committee on Church Architecture. This was done, but so far no result has been achieved.

At the request of the Rev. John Schmieder, and with the very hearty co-operation of the Central Canada and the Canada Synods, an unusually successful Convocation was held in St. Matthew's Church, Kitchener, June 15, 1921. A wide interest has been aroused; pastors, organists, choir leaders and others were in attendance from all parts of the province; a chorus of 125 voices had carefully prepared the music, and the result, as remarked by one of the local papers, was to place the Convocation in the "forefront of such events." At the morning session Dr. Reed spoke on "The Church Services and Their Music," after which the service music was rehearsed. In the afternoon the Chairman of the committee read a paper on "The Music of the Congregational Hymn," tracing its history from the Reformation to the present, enumerating what must be its characteristics as a proper vehicle for worship, and setting forth the principles upon which the tunes of the Common Service Book were selected. This paper was practically illustrated by the choir with representative selections from the Common Service Book, embracing tunes of Plain Song, German, English and American origin.

In the evening, under the direction of Dr. Rees, a full Choral Vesper Service was held, based on the Church Year, introducing another set of tunes after each of the lessons, and four choir numbers. With the large church filled to its capacity, and the choir in splendid form, the deep impression made by this service will not soon be forgotten. It was worship in the truest sense—a revelation of the potent influence the best type of Church music can have in inciting the heart to genuine devotion.

The organist at all the sessions was Mr. William Benbow of the committee, but unstinted praise must be given to Mr. Otto G. Smith, organist and choir director of St. Matthew's, and Mrs. Schmidt, director of St. John's choir, Waterloo, for their excellent work in the preliminary training of the large chorus.

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Negotiations for the holding of Convocations at a number of other places have so far remained fruitless, but may lead to results in the near future. The committee feels convinced that if events similar to the one at Kitchener could be held in different important centers the resultant improvement in congregational and choir music and in the entire conduct of the Church's worship, would in a short time be most marked.

In this connection the committee deplores the fact that in many of our Sunday Schools so-called hymn books and festival programs are used whose character and contents are by no means in accord with Lutheran principles and practice. Instead of leading to a healthy development of the child's devotional life, and training it subsequently to take an intelligent part in the Church's worship, these publications foster a wrong spirit and educate *away* from the Church. It is a mistake to assume that children delight only in sentimental doggerel, and in musical measures reminiscent of the street and the movies. A child has an intuition and love for the best, as has been demonstrated again and again by those who have made a serious effort to teach children worthy hymns and music. Music of the best type is today taught in the public schools, and appreciated by children, while many Sunday Schools still content themselves with the poorest. A change in this respect is therefore very desirable.

Several members of the committee have during the Biennium had opportunity to present the cause of Church and Sunday School Music, and especially the claims of the Common Service Book, at summer schools and conventions of various kinds. Members of the committee are always ready to respond to calls of this kind.

The committee again asks for an appropriation of $400.

Approved by the committee this report is respectfully submitted.

J. F. Ohl, *Chairman.*
E. E. Fischer, *Secretary.*

The Rev. G. L. Kieffer, Secretary of the Statistical and Church Year Book Committee, presented the report of that Committee.

REPORT OF THE STATISTICAL AND CHURCH YEAR BOOK COMMITTEE

The following are the members of the Statistical and Church Year Book Committee of the United Lutheran Church in America for the biennium 1920-22:

Rev. Ellis B. Burgess, D.D., Chairman, 23 Chestnut St., Crafton, Pa.
Rev. G. L. Kieffer, Secretary-Treasurer, Rosedale, L. I., N. Y.
Rev. W. M. Kopenhaver, Macungie, Pa.
Rev. Geo. H. Schnur, D.D., 709 E. 11th St., Erie, Pa.
Rev. M. G. L. Rietz, 31 S. Main Ave., Albany, N. Y.
Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D.D., 437 Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y.
Rev. C. W. Cassell, Mt. Sidney, Va.

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Mr. George Hemsing, Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co., Plankinton Arcade, Milwaukee, Wis.

The following served as Statistical Secretaries of the Constitutent Synods of the United Lutheran Church in America during the biennium 1920-22:

	1920	1921
Ministerium of Pa.	Rev. Ira F. Frankenfield	Rev. Ira F. Frankenfield
Ministerium of N. Y.	Rev. D. W. Peterson	Rev. B. Mehrtens
*Synod of N. C.	Rev. G. L. Lingle	
*Synod of Tenn.	Rev. E. H. Kohn, Ph.D.	
United Synod of N. C.		Rev. E. H. Kohn, Ph.D.
Synod of Md	Rev. W. G. Minnick	Rev. W. G. Minnick
Synod of S. C.	Rev. H. S. Petrea	Rev. H. S. Petrea
Synod of W. Pa.	Rev. Paul S. Wagner	Rev. David S. Martin
Synod of Va	Rev. J. L. Smith	Mr. Harry E. Pugh, 105 Lancaster Rd., Richmond, Va.
Synod of Ohio	Mr. Amor W. Ulrici	Mr. Amor W. Ulrici, 3747 Elsmere Ave., Norwood, O
E. Pa. Synod	Rev. J. D. Krout	Rev. J. D. Krout
Alleghany Synod	Rev. W. A. H. Streamer	Rev. W. A. H. Streamer
Sw. Va. Synod	Rev. T. C. Parker	Rev. J. L. Smith
Pittsburgh Synod	Rev. Geo. H. Schnur, D.D.	Rev. Geo. H. Schnur, D.D.
Indiana Synod	Mr. H. H. Combs	Mr. H. H. Combs, Shepherdsville, Ky.
Illinois Synod	Mr. Frederick Sachse	Mr. Frederick Sachse, 5510 Magnolia Ave., Chicago, Ill.
Texas Synod	Rev. K. Kern	Rev. J. C. A. Pfenninger
Synod of C. Pa.	Rev. John F. Harkins	Rev. John F. Harkins
Mississippi Synod	Rev. J. I. Coiner	Rev. J. I. Coiner
Synod of Iowa	Rev. M. A. Getzendaner	Rev. C. N. Swihart, D.D.
Michigan Synod	Rev. Wm. J. Boatman	Rev. S. L. Boger
Synod of Georgia	Rev. A. W. Ballentine	Rev. P. C. Sigmon
Holston Synod	Rev. H. G. Davis	Rev. E. B. Smith
Synod of Canada	Rev. O. Stockmann	Rev. O. Stockmann
Susquehanna Synod	Rev. F. R. Greninger	Rev. F. R. Greninger
Synod of Kansas	Rev. R. J. Wolf	Rev. R. J. Wolf
Synod of Nebraska	Rev. G. B. Weaver	Rev. G. B. Weaver
Wartburg Synod	Rev. F. W. Schneider	Rev. F. W. Schneider
†Ger. Nebr. Synod	Rev. F. Rabe	Rev. F. Rabe
Synod of California	Rev. J. E. Hoick	Rev. J. E. Hoick
Rocky Mt. Synod	Rev. N. J. Myers	Rev. H. I. Kohler
Synod of Northwest	Rev. L. F. Gruber, D.D.	Rev. L. F. Gruber, D.D.
Manitoba Synod	Rev. E. Tuerkheim	Rev. E. Tuerkheim
Pacific Synod	Rev. W. R. Kraxberger	Rev. W. R. Kraxberger
N. Y. and N. E. Synod	Rev. E. M. Grahn	Rev. E. M. Grahn
Nova Scotia Synod	Rev. S. W. Hirtle	Rev. S. W. Hirtle
Synod of N. Y.	Rev. W. G. Boomhower	Rev. W. G. Boomhower
Cent. Can. Synod	Rev. E. Huenergard	Rev. E. Huenergard
Synod of W. Va.	Rev. S. S. Adams	Rev. S. S. Adams
‡Slo. Luth. "Zion" Syn.	Rev. Matej. F. Benko	Rev. John M. Bellan

*Merged into United Synod of North Carolina in 1921.

†Rev. Gustav Duhrkop, Acting Statistical Secretary for the German-Nebraska Synod during the three summer months in 1922.

‡Rev. John Zabadal, Acting Statistical Secretary for the Slovak Lutheran "Zion" Synod during the summer of 1922.

The committee held two meetings during the biennium. The first was held at the Edgewater Beach Hotel, Chicago, Ill., January 12, 1921. The second meeting was held in the offices of the United Lutheran Church, 437 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y., March 10, 1922. The following members were present at each of these meetings: Dr. Ellis B. Burgess, Rev. W. M Kopenhaver, Dr. Geo. H. Schnur, Rev. M. G. L. Rietz, and Rev. G. L. Kieffer. The following men were prevented from attending either of the meetings: Dr. M. G. G. Scherer, on account of previous engagements; Rev. C. W. Cassell, on account of illness; Mr. George Hemsing, on account of previous business engagements.

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At the first meeting it was decided that the Statistical Secretary of the United Lutheran Church in America for the present be not required to give all his time to the work.

The attention of the Constitutent Synods of the United Lutheran Church was called to Recommendations 4 and 5, as found in the Washington Convention Minutes, pp. 348-349; and any failure in the use of the Standard Parochial Blank was pointed out.

Rev. W. M. Kopenhaver was nominated for Editor of the "Lutheran Church Year Book", and the Board of Publication was so notified.

On February 18, 1921, the Secretary of the Committee, Rev. G. L. Kiefer, was notified that at a meeting of the Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church in America, held February 10, 1921, he had been elected Statistical Secretary of the United Lutheran Church in America, at a salary of Five Hundred Dollars ($500) per annum.

Standard Parochial Blank and Assembly Sheet.

The committee, mindful of Recommendation No. 7 as adopted at the Washington Convention and found on page 349 in the Minutes, considered all the various recommendations received by the committee pertaining to the improvement of the Standard Parochial Blank and Assembly Sheet.

An Assembly Sheet, to consist of forty-one (41) lines, was adopted by the committee, for the use of the Statistical Secretaries of the Constitutent Synods, during the biennium of 1920-22.

The committee also adopted a plan for a Standard Parochial Blank to consist of a Pastor's Worksheet and a Pastor's Assembly Sheet, to be made up in the form of a four-page folder—of a size to be folded so as to fit into a No. 9 envelope.

The names and the order of rubrics on both the Assembly Sheet and the Standard Parochial Blank were made to agree so that the rubrics appearing on the Assembly Sheet and the rubrics appearing on the Standard Parochial Blank were of the same name and also had the same place and order on both blanks.

The committee also formulated and adopted a Pastor's Worksheet, which had the same primary rubrics and followed the same order as those on the Assembly Sheet and the Standard Parochial Blank.

By action of the committee the Publication Board was requested to print one thousand (1,000) Assembly Sheets and eighteen thousand (18,000) Standard Parochial Blanks for the biennium 1920-22; and was at the same time requested to destroy all old Assembly Sheets and Parochial Blanks.

By action of the committee, the Chairman and the Secretary of the Committee prepared and sent to the United Lutheran Publication House directions for mailing the Standard Parochial Blanks and Assembly Sheets for 1921 and 1922, providing in these directions, that the Statistical Secretaries of the Constituent Synods would have sufficient Standard Parochial Blanks to send to the pastors two blanks for every congregation; and, a sufficient number of Assembly Sheets for the use of the Statistical Secre-

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taries of the Constituent Synods. At the same time the Secretary informed the Statistical Secretaries of the Constituent Synods that they could secure an additional number of Standard Parochial Blanks and Assembly Sheets as their need might require. A number of Statistical Secretaries thus received additional quantities for the years 1921 and 1922.

Your committee provided for the use of the Constituent Synods of the United Lutheran Church in America 8,408 Standard Parochial Blanks and 409 Assembly Sheets for the year 1921, and 8,605 Standard Parochial Blanks and 415 Assembly Sheets for the year 1922—making a grand total of 17,013 Standard Parochial Blanks and 824 Assembly Sheets for the biennium.

When the committee assembled for its second meeting it received from the Statistical Secretary a report as to the use of the Standard Parochial Blank and Assembly Sheets by the Constituent Synods of the United Lutheran Church in America in the printed Minutes for the year 1921. The Statistical Secretary reported that 21 Synods had adopted the Standard Parochial Assembly Sheet in its entirety; 9 Synods had modified the Standard Parochial Assembly Sheet by the omission of one or more rubrics, and in some cases by the addition of other rubrics; 5 Synods had not adopted the Standard Parochial Assembly Sheet in 1921, but at least one of these has adopted the Standard Parochial Assembly Sheet for 1922; the Minutes of two Synods did not contain Parochial Reports at all; one Synod did not print any Minutes.

The Standard Parochial Assembly Sheet being designed for placing 41 lines to a page, it is interesting to note that ten Constituent Synods having more than 41 congregations placed less than 41 lines on a page. It is also interesting to note that 15 Synods which have adopted the Standard Parochial Assembly Sheet succeeded in getting all the rubrics of the Standard Parochial Assembly Sheet on two pages, while 3 Constituent Synods which have adopted the Standard Parochial Assembly Sheet took more than two pages.

It also should be noted that 5 Constituent Synods printed their report vertically on the page, some requiring as high as six pages, with as few as 59 lines to the page. Four pages would have been sufficient had the report been placed crosswise on the page. Six Constituent Synods did not print their Parochial Report in the body of their Minutes, but had it on a large sheet similar to the Standard Parochial Assembly Sheet, and had this sheet pasted in the back of the Minutes.

Various inconsistencies as to the number of lines or congregations reported on one page as compared with the number of lines or congregations reported on succeeding pages were noted for five Constituent Synods. The most striking was one of the Constituent Synods which used 24 lines on one page and on the opposite page placed 46 lines as a continuation of the rubrics.

The committee, after examining the report as to the character of the Parochial Statistics appearing in the printed Minutes of the Constituent

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Synods, passed definite recommendations, which are herewith submitted as part of this report. They also requested the Secretary to communicate with the United Lutheran Publication House, pointing out ways in which the Publication House could aid in carrying out the United Lutheran Church's plan for uniformity in Minutes of the Constituent Synods of the United Lutheran Church in America.

Parochial Statistics.

At the second meeting the Statistical Secretary presented the Assembled Parochial Statistics for all the Constituent Synods for the year 1921. This report is appended herewith.

As per instructions of the Committee to the Statistical Secretary, every effort will be made to secure the completed assembled Parochial Statistics for the Constituent Synods for the year 1922 in time for the Secretary of the United Lutheran Church in America to include the same in the Minutes of the Buffalo Convention, as was done in the Minutes of the Washington Convention. As some of the Constituent Synods hold their 1922 meetings after the Buffalo Convention, this report will only be made possible through the full co-operation of the Statistical Secretaries of these Constituent Synods. It is very desirable that this report should be finished in time for inclusion in the Minutes of the Buffalo Convention in order that the complete Parochial Reports for the biennium 1920-22 may be contained in these Minutes.

Recommendations for Improvement of the Parochial Blank.

Various letters were read from the Presidents and Statistical Secretaries of the Constituent Synods containing recommendations and criticisms for improvement of the Standard Parochial Blank and Assembly Sheet. They were all carefully considered by the committee.

It was found by the committee that it was impossible to make any corrections or changes in the Standard Parochial Blank and Assembly Sheet that had to be used during the year 1922. This was evident from the fact that the supply of Standard Parochial Blanks and Assembly Sheets for the year 1922 was prepared and printed at the time that the blanks for the year 1921 were prepared and printed. In the second place, it was found necessary to immediately mail the Assembly sheets and Standard Parochial Blanks for the use of the Constituent Synods in gathering their statistics for the meetings of 1922.

These recommendations, having been tabulated, will be presented to the Statistical and Church Year Book Committee when the new supply of Standard Parochial Blanks and Assembly Sheets will be prepared for the biennium of 1922-24.

The Lutheran Church Year Book.

Concerning the "Lutheran Church Year Book", the committee took the following action:

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Resolved, 1. *That it is the sense of the Statistical and Church Year Book Committee that the names of only United Lutheran Church ministers shall appear in the clerical register of the "Lutheran Church Year Book."*

2. *That instead of the general matter printed in the Lutheran Church Year Book of* 1922, *pp.* 21-32, *there be published in concise form, articles of report and appeal from the various institutions, boards, and committees, and activities of the United Lutheran Church in America. The following outline for such articles was suggested:*

What we have accomplished in the past.
What we hope to do this year.
How you can help us.

Concerning statistics covering the work of boards and committees, it was felt that the Statistical and Church Year Book Committee at present should emphasize the Parochial Statistics, and through the Editor of the "Lutheran Church Year Book", as per above motion, secure from the various boards, committees, women's organizations, brotherhoods, and young people's societies, such reports and statistics which they will be able to use in the presentation of their report and appeal to the United Lutheran Church in America through the "Lutheran Church Year Book".

The Editor of the Year Book was instructed to secure some general statistics pertaining to the Lutheran Church in America, not of the United Lutheran Church in America, and incorporate them in the Year Book.

The Committee also voted to have the name of the Year Book changed from the "Lutheran Church Year Book" to the "Year Book of the United Lutheran Church in America." The Secretary of the Committee was later notified that the United Lutheran Publication House had agreed to such a change in name for the 1923 Year Book.

Synodical Periodicals.

The Committee examined the synodical periodicals of South Carolina, Mississippi, New York, Ohio, West Pennsylvania, United Virginia, and Pittsburgh Synods, and unanimously agreed that these synodical periodicals present to the Statistical Secretaries great opportunities for the presentation of the facts concerning the work of their respective Synods.

Buffalo Convention.

The Chairman of the Committee corresponded with the Presidents of all the Constituent Synods of the United Lutheran Church in America concerning the importance of having the most capable men for statistical secretaries and keeping them permanently in office.

A conference of the Statistical Secretaries at the time of the Buffalo Convention was announced, and the Presidents were urged to secure the presence of the Statistical Secertaries, either as delegates or visitors.

For the Statistical Exhibit at the Buffalo Convention the Secretary was requested to prepare a large wall chart of the Parochial Report of the United Lutheran Church in America for 1921, and a historical graph showing the genesis and history of the United Lutheran Church in America

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synodically, and a chart showing the statistics for the various periods in the history of the Lutheran Church in America, beginning with 1748.

The Statistical Secretaries of the Constituent Synods of the United Lutheran Church in America were urged to avail themselves of the opportunity which the Statistical Exhibit of the Buffalo Convention afforded for their Synod.

Dr. Geo. H. Schnur was requested to prepare a graph illustrating the "Benevolent Dollar of the United Lutheran Church in America."

Recommendations to the United States Census Bureau.

The Secretary of this Committee was instructed to recommend to the Director of the United States Census certain specified items with respect to the religious census:

(1) That the classification of Churches be along denominational lines, with sub-divisions for separate corporate bodies, as for example: Lutherans (with twenty-one Synods); Methodists (with fifteen Bodies); Baptists (with fifteen Bodies); Presbyterians (with ten Bodies), etc.

(2) That all denominations be asked to furnish their membership, both of baptized and of confirmed or communicants, besides males and females in each case.

(3) That all the educational work of the Churches be tabulated—parochial schools, summer schools, Saturday schools, Gary schools, confirmation instruction, as well as Sunday schools; and certain specified items with respect to the regular census:

(1) What religious denomination do you belong to?
(2) What religious denomination did your father belong to?
(3) What religious denomination did your mother belong to?
(4) If not a member, what religious denomination do you prefer?

Summary.

The Statistical Secretary and Committee have supplied the statistics for the 1922 and 1923 Year Books. In securing the Parochial Statistics as well as the statistics of institutions, the Statistical Secretary has had the best of co-operation from the Statistical Secretaries of the Constituent Synods of the United Lutheran Church in America. The work of these Statistical Secretaries without doubt has been hard, as has also no doubt that of the Pastors in using the Standard Pastors' Parochial Blank.

The reason for all this it is not necessary to go far to find. If the United Lutheran Church in America and all its Constituent Synods will adopt a uniform system of parish and congregational records, the work will be simplified and the problem of uniform statistics will be solved. This will be especially true if uniform fiscal years paralleling the calendar year will be used throughout the entire Lutheran Church in America. It is only necessary to examine the Parochial Reports in the Minutes of the various Constituent Synods to note the lack of uniformity in the system of keeping parish records. Blank after blank occurs.

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In gathering the 1921 statistics, the Statistical Secretary submitted to the Statistical Secretaries of the Constituent Synods 38 Assembly Sheets for the summary of their statistics, and was thus enabled to prepare the assembled Parochial Report for the United Lutheran Church in America for the second meeting of the Statistical and Church Year Book Committee, prior to the appearance of some of the printed minutes. These reports were later compared with the reports in the printed minutes. Necessary corrections were noted and a report was submitted to the Statistical Secretaries of the Constituent Synods for their final approval.

It was discovered, by the comparison of these reports, that some of the rubrics did not properly balance which resulted in the totals not balancing. At the same time many congregations were found with blanks and only certain rubrics reported. In some cases the congregations were included in the printed minutes and a blank line was left—no report being given at all.

The Statistical Secretary then called the attention of the Statistical Secretaries of all the Constituent Synods to the reports of the congregations having blank spaces for "Baptized Membership," "Confirmed Membership," and the "No. of Sunday Schools" in the printed Minutes for 1921—at the same time giving the printed reports for the same congregations for 1919 and 1920—asking the Statistical Secretaries of the Constituent Synods to check these particular rubrics and do the best they could to give the facts for the year 1921. The result of this check-up added

14,279 "Baptized Members,"
2,130 "Confirmed Members,"
301 "Sunday Schools"

to the total of the reports as printed in the 1921 minutes of the Constituent Synods of the United Lutheran Church in America. In all probability the reason for these blank spaces can be found in the method of keeping local congregational records.

Every rubric could have been similarly checked. It is hoped that the Statistical Secretaries of the Constituent Synods of the United Lutheran Church in America will make every effort in the future to have some report for every rubric for every congregation. A zero should be inserted in the space where the congregation has no facts for the rubric. In this way, anyone examing the printed reports will know that the blank is not there because the congregation failed to report facts which they might have reported.

The Parochial Report shows a total of 1,147,007 "Baptized Members"—a gain of 29,069 over 1920—and a "Confirmed Membershjp" of 801,250. By applying the statistical rule for estimating the baptized membership when the confirmed membership is given; i. e., using 60% of the baptized members to equal the confirmed members, the United Lutheran Church in America should have a "Baptized Membership" of 1,335,000. That this number of baptized members has not been reported is largely due to the manner of keeping parish records, and especially to the fact that unconfirmed baptized

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children that properly belong to the pastoral care of the congregations and yet are not on the rolls of the congregations as having been baptized in that particular congregation are not counted.

By taking the 8,921 loss of children, "Otherwise," that occurred in addition to the deaths of unconfirmed baptized children from the 11,773 unconfirmed baptized children that were counted by some of the congregations under "Accessions—Children—Otherwise," a net gain of 2,852 was hereby added to the "Baptized Membership," proving that a mere count of infant baptisms does not fully report all the unconfirmed children baptized in other congregations that during the year came under the pastoral care of the particular congregation making the report.

The Parochial Report shows the following:

	1921	1920	Gain
Baptized Membership	1,147.007	1,117,938	29,069
Confirmed Membership	801,250	791,400	9,850
Communing Membership	597,768	580,018	17,750
Current Expenses	$6,621,268	$5,630,943	$99,315
Unusual Expenses	3,835,135	2,968,750	866,385
Total Benevolence	3,341,792	2,252,788	89,004
Total Expenditures	13,798,195	11,671,606	2,116,589

Confirmed Membership Per Capita	1921
Current Expenses	$8.26
Unusual Expenses	4.79
Total Benevolence	4.17
Total Expenditures	17.22

It is interesting to note that there is a decrease in the "Adult Losses," and a gain for every rubric with the exception of "No. of Cathechumens," "No. of Deaconess Students," "No. of Students in Lutheran Institutions," "No. of Students in non-Lutheran Institutions," "Amount of Endowment," and "Amount of Unapportioned Benevolence Given for Education and Other Benevolence," which show a decrease.

A Table of Comparative Parochial Statistics for the three years, 1919, 1920, and 1921 is herewith appended.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That all Constituent Synods of the United Lutheran Church in America be hereby requested to have their Minutes printed in uniform size and style.

2. That those Constituent Synods which have modified the Standard Parochial Assembly Sheet of the United Lutheran Church in America be requested to conform their practice to the Standard.

3. That, recognizing that the statistics of many congregations are imperfect, the Statistical and Church Year Book Committee of the United Lutheran Church in America raises the question of the advisability of a statistician for every congregation, and hereby recommends to the consideration of the Constituent Synods of the United Lutheran Church the adoption of uniform parish records in order that the Pastors may have records that will enable them to use the Standard Parochial Blank.

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4. That in view of repeated requests from all parts of the Church, this committee recommends that the fiscal year for all organizations, congregations, synods, boards, and committees of the United Lutheran Church in America be made concurrent with the calendar year—ending December 31st each year, and that all published reports and statistics be of the date of December 31st of the previous year, thereby aiding the effort for uniform and accurate statistics in the United Lutheran Church.

5. That the Constituent Synods of the United Lutheran Church in America print their parochial reports crosswise on the page and not vertically, using only two pages for all the rubrics, thereby having opportunity to make use of 41 lines to a page; and that all parochial reports contain a summary in which a total is given for the Synod for the year covered by the report together with a total for the preceding year and a comparative statement of increase and decrease under all rubrics.

6. That the Committee be authorized to print a folder to be sent to the Pastors through the Statistical Secretaries of the Constituent Synods of the United Lutheran Church in America with the 1922 Standard Parochial Blanks, explaining to the Pastors the importance of congregational records in the preparation of synodical statistics.

7. That the Constituent Synods of the United Lutheran Church in America be requested to make provision for the presence of their Statistical Secretaries at future Conventions of the United Lutheran Church in order that they may attend the conference of the Statistical Secretaries at the time of the Convention.

8. That all recommendations for improvement of the Standard Parochial Blank and Assembly Sheet be hereby referred to the consideration of the Statistical and Church Year Book Committee of the United Lutheran Church in America in the preparation of the supply of blanks for the biennium of 1922-24.

Respectfully submitted,
Signed:
REV. E. B. BURGESS, D.D.
REV. G. L. KIEFFER.
REV. W. M. KOPENHAVER.
REV. GEO. H. SCHNUR, D.D.
REV. M. G. L. RIETZ.
REV. M. G. G. SCHERER, D.D.
REV. C. W. CASSELL.
MR. GEORGE HEMSING.

The Report of the Statistical Secretary of the United Lutheran Church in America is embodied in the Report of the Statistical and Church Year Book Committee, herewith submitted. Respectfully,

G. L. KIEFFER,
Statistical Secretary of the United
Lutheran Church in America.

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Recommendations 1, 2 and 3 adopted. Recommendation 4 referred to the Executive Board with the favorable action of the Convention. Recommendations 5 and 6 adopted. Recommendation 7 amended by the insertion of the words "be requested to" after the word "America" in the second line. Adopted as amended. Recommendation 8 adopted.

The Report was adopted as a whole.

The Rev. H. R. Gold presented the report of the Committee on Publicity which was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICITY

The Committee on Publicity held a meeting in Philadelphia, December 4, 1920, to discuss plans for the current biennium. All the members but three were present. Among the subjects discussed were: paid church advertising, publicity of Board and Committee activities, a handbook on publicity and advertising, a larger use of the Sunday edition of daily papers and the secular magazines, and a budget.

The working budget for the biennium was planned and submitted. The sum of $500 for publicity in connection with the convention in Buffalo was granted.

The committee sent out to all the Synod presidents, and many other officials of the Church, an outline for convention and conference publicity. A number of stories were sent out through the Lutheran Bureau covering the publicity of Synod, Conference and other conventions, meetings of the Executive Board, the sailing of foreign missionaries, etc.

It is gratifying to note a growing interest in Church publicity and advertising which can be stimulated to reach greater effectiveness. The committee is convinced that an investment of several thousand dollars in educating the Church in the methods of publicity and advertising, and in carrying on the practical work of publicity, would be well invested.

Rev. Howard R. Gold,
Rev. C. K. Fegley,
Rev. W. H. Greever, D.D.,
Rev. A. E. Wagner, D.D., Ph. D.
Dr. William J. Showalter,
Rev. E. H. Delk, D.D.,
Rev. W. L. Hunton, Ph.D.,
Rev. M. L. Canup,
Rev. C. L. Fry, D.D.,
Rev. W. H. Stutts, D.D.,
Mr. Jesse R. Hildebrand,
Rev. H. Moehling.

Session closed with prayer by the Rev. G. A. Benze.

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Evening Service

At eight o'clock on Monday evening a Pageant of Religious Education was given at Holy Trinity Church, the subject being "The Heritage of the Child." This pageant was presented under the auspices of the Parish and Church School Board. It was written by Mrs. Laura S. Copenhaver. Given by the Young People of the Lutheran Churches of Buffalo. Arranged by Miss Helen Weis. Directed by Miss Jane Keeler. Costumed by Miss Theresa Roehsler. Lighting effects by Mr. A. W. Reiser.

There were approximately one hundred and twenty-five people in the Pageant. The choir of Holy Trinity Church rendered the music.

SIXTH MEETING

Morning Session

Tuesday, October 24th, 8:45.

The Rev. J. H. Meyer conducted devotions.

The Convention was called to order, the Rev. E. B. Burgess, Acting President, in the Chair.

The Minutes of the Monday morning and afternoon sessions were read and approved. It was moved and carried, that the Secretary be authorized to print in the Minutes brief reports of the Evening Services.

Tellers' Committee No. 4 reported and the following elections were declared.

Board of Publication

For Term Expiring 1928

Rev. S. W. Herman	Dr. S. P. Sadtler
Rev. A. H. Holthusen	Mr. E. G. Hoover
Rev. A. R. Wentz	Mr. A. H. Kohn

The Committee reported that there was one layman yet to be elected for this term.

Board of Education

For Term Expiring 1928

Rev. L. F. Gruber	Rev. M. J. Kline
Rev. J. H. Harms	Mr. F. W. Albrecht
Rev. W. M. Horn	Mr. J. M. Snyder

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The Committee reported that there was one layman yet to be elected for this term, also one layman for the term expiring 1924.

Parish and Church School Board
For Term Expiring 1928

Rev. Wm. Hoppe — Mr. Wm. C. Stoever
Rev. C. P. Wiles

One clergyman yet to be elected for the term expiring 1928.

The Tellers having reported that the election for a clerical member of the Executive Board had been without result, it was moved and carried that the next ballot for the Executive Board be limited to the two who had received the highest votes. These are the Rev. W. H. Greever and Rev. W. D. C. Keiter.

On motion the rule formerly adopted limiting the length of speeches was made to apply to those presenting reports of Boards as well as Committees.

On request of President Knubel business was suspended in order that the Convention might receive the representatives of the Augustana Synod and of the United Norwegian Lutheran Church. Thereupon Dr. G. A. Brandelle and the Rev. O. A. Strom were introduced.

The President appointed the following additional members on the Committee of Tellers No. 4.

Capt. H. M. M. Richards — George E. Neff, Esq.
Mr. C. F. Stifel — Mr. A. F. Sittloh
Mr. R. B. Wolf — Mr. A. H. Kohn
Mr. Grant Hultberg — Mr. R. C. Counts
Mr. G. F. McAllister — Mr. J. S. Etter
Mr. Joseph W. Kahler

The Report of the Inner Mission Board was presented by the Rev. E. F. Bachmann, President of the Board.

REPORT OF THE INNER MISSION BOARD

Brethren:

The Inner Mission Board has been charged with a most delicate, difficult and complicated task. *Delicate*—because its field is within the Church itself, where the greatest tactfulness and patience are required to arouse professed Christians to a realization of their dangerous condition not unlike that in the Church of Laodicea, Rev. 3, 15-19. Unless the Church today hear this first Inner Mission call, coming directly from her Lord in glory, she will fail utterly.

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Difficult—because the Inner Mission is a spirit, pervading, vitalizing and prompting the body of believers to action. Our task is not primarily to organize societies, to create new bodies. The final effect may or may not be capable of expression in numbers, in new organizations and institutions, in property values and "converts." Whatever tangible results can be reported by statistics are but a mere fraction of what the Inner Mission may have accomplished. The real fruits of our labors like those of a faithful pastor of a local congregation are known only to the Lord who searcheth the heart. Spiritual work cannot be gauged by material results. In due time these will surely follow. It would, however, be a sad mistake to regard for instance increased benevolence as reliable evidence of increased spirituality. Likewise much may have been accomplished for the spiritual quickening of the Church as a result of Inner Mission efforts inspired or even directed by your Board, of which this Board can report nothing, but of which local groups and the Church at large are already reaping the benefit. It is difficult to do Inner Mission work, and hardly less difficult to report to the satisfaction of everyone; but what has actually been done, has indeed been well worth while.

Complicated—because the Inner Mission problems affect practically every phase of Christian life and relationship. To foster the spiritual life of the congregation is the distinct privilege and task of the local pastor. No Board of the Church may enter that sphere. Yet the more spiritual and conscientious a pastor, the more conscious will he be of his inability to meet adequately the great responsibility resting upon him; and the more gratefully will he welcome any suggestion whatever, coming from a Board charged with the special duty of studying conditions and searching for ways and means to make the religion of Jesus Christ a power in the world for the uplift of mankind. This cannot be done by resolutions of the Church in convention, nor by any mass action, but only through the spiritually quickened individual Christian, filled with the love of Christ and with the power of conquering faith. This distinguishes the Inner Mission fundamentally from other movements for social betterment with which the Inner Mission is frequently confused. For this reason also the singular form of the term, "The Inner Mission," is far more correct and expressive than the plural—"Inner Missions." We are dealing with a spirit rather than with multiform, mutually independent activities. When the idea underlying this term has really been grasped, much will have been gained, even if it were not more than attracting attention and calling forth questions.

The task of your Board is so complicated, however, not because of the necessary distinction of terms and differentiation from similar work by agencies prompted by motives other than the love of Christ, but because our task must consider individuals and groups, congregations and the general body in their manifold and intricate relations to the spiritual and moral, social and industrial life of today with its endless and often danger-

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ously acute problems. Were your Inner Mission Board facing a simple, clean-cut task, its magnitude would be a secondary consideration. As it is, almost constantly new phases of the great task are confronting us, demanding action even before an opportunity has been given to find an answer to the fundamental questions—where? when? and how?

The Board seeks your sympathetic understanding of its problems, your realization of the difficulties under which it must labor and your ready response to all efforts to propagate the ideal of real Christ-like service to all men within the Church, out on the great highways and in the hidden byways of our nation.

I. *Organization.*

At the Washington Convention the following members were elected to the Board:

For six years—Rev. W. H. Greever, D.D., Rev. J. L. Neve, D.D., Rev. W. A. Snyder, D.D., Mr. I. Searles Runyon, C. R. Philips, M.D.

For four years—Rev. E. F. Bachmann, D.D., Rev. Walter Krumwiede, Rev. W. H. Bruce Carney, Mr. Philip Weltner, Mr. James Gear.

For two years—Rev. J. F. W. Kitzmeyer, Rev. G. H. Gerberding, D.D., LL.D., Rev. J. F. Ohl, D.D., Mr. Carl Distler, Mr. Horace Bikle.

At the meeting of the Board following this Convention the following officers were elected:

President—Rev. E. F. Bachmann, D.D.

Vice-President—Mr. I. Searles Runyon.

Executive Secretary and Treasurer—Rev. Wm. Freas.

During the biennium the Board has met four times and the Executive Committee twelve times.

The Board suffered a very severe loss in the death of Rev. W. A. Snyder, D.D., who was one of its most valuable and helpful members. Suitable resolutions were prepared and are spread upon the records of the Board. His wise counsel and practical turn of mind have been sorely missed in our councils.

To fill Dr. Snyder's unexpired term the Rev. H. Brueckner was elected to membership on the Board, this election having been ratified by the Executive Board until this Convention.

II. *General.*

The work of the Board was well characterized by the President at a recent meeting in the following way:

The *First Year* was generally devoted to the *Organization* of the Board and the development of machinery by which it might reach our congregations.

The *Second Year* was generally given to the *Study* of our problems.

The *Third Year* was chiefly one of *Propaganda* for the purpose of spreading the ideal among our people.

The *Fourth Year* must of necessity therefore be one of action.

As a matter of course these characteristics overlap and continue.

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In seeking such action it at once became apparent that if an attempt were made to cover the whole field but little would be accomplished. It was therefore felt to be wise to select certain special items which should be emphasized at this time. These items were included in a Board Program which is given herewith.

BOARD PROGRAM.

For Synodical Committees.

A survey of their territory to discover those who are uncared for, delinquent, lost, etc. This to include those who are in State, County, private institutions, etc., and all others who are not cared for by the Church.

The sending out of a regular bulletin to the Synodical Committees.

For the Congregation.

A congregational and a community survey.

The use of the Message and other literature of the Board.

Presenting the work.

For the Institution.

A better understanding of and a wider application of the institutional policy of the Church.

General Items.

Educational propaganda and follow-up work along the line of the suggested Synodical Committee organization.

The preparation of literature showing what has been and should be done.

Special Items.

A general Inner Mission Conference now being planned.

The problem of the Downtown Church of Cincinnati.

The problem of the Dawson Home near Aurora, West Virginia.

The Inner Mission on Summer School programs and in Theological Seminaries.

The encouraging of the use of the Lay Reader.

The problem of the Resort Church.

European Visitation by our President—Another matter of large interest and great importance during the biennium has been the visit of our President to many of our European Inner Mission institutions. He was able to visit institutions in England, France, Germany, Austria and Switzerland. In each one it was readily seen that their work was being continued under the gravest kind of difficulty. The self-sacrifice and devotion of leaders and other workers in these institutions is worthy of our emulation. In the variety and even in the methods of the Inner Mission work abroad he found many suggestions of value to us. The Church in Europe is watching with genuine interest the American development of the Inner Mission spirit and activities.

Conferences with Synodical Committees.—To arouse a greater interest the Secretary was instructed by the Board to confer with all the Synodical

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Committees on their own territory. To carry out this instruction trips were made to various parts of this country and Canada and many conferences held. Many things indicated that there is every reason for encouragement in this large field of the work of our Church. In connection with these trips our institutions of mercy were visited and a series of lectures given at our Theological Seminaries.

Synodical Committee Organization—The Board aims to do as much of its work as possible through Synodical Inner Mission Committees. To make their work more effective the various District Synods are divided into districts for each of which one member of the Committee is responsible. It is his duty to keep in touch with the congregations in the section of which he is in charge, to pass on to them the suggestions of the Board and to follow up their progress in attainment. In some of the Committees the readiest response has been found, but others do not yet take their task seriously. As is to be expected some do not function as well as is desired. On the whole noteworthy progress has been made.

Ministerium of Pennsylvania Bureau—A matter of special interest to the Church and one which might well point the way for the activity of other Synods, is the development in the Ministerium of Pennsylvania of an Inner Mission Bureau with an Executive Secretary and several paid helpers. This Bureau has undertaken the practical development of Inner Mission work upon the territory of the Synod. It is particularly active in the matter of Home Finding, having placed forty-six children in private homes in the past year. It is also developing work in the Juvenile Courts. It is encouraging the organization of societies for the doing of local tasks. The work of caring for Lutherans in all public and private institutions is being thoroughly organized.

New York Synods Co-ordinating Committee—Another matter of large interest is the decision by the Committees of the three New York Synods to form a Co-ordinating Inner Mission Committee through which it is hoped the Inner Mission work upon the territory of these Synods may be done. Definite plans are now being worked out and ought to show results in the very near future.

III. *The Activity of the Board.*

The work of the Board is divided into three great parts, each of which is under the direction of a Committee.

1. *The Work of the Congregational Committee.*

Uncared for Lutherans—The major task before this Committee is and always must be the development in the congregation of a sense of responsibility to all who are around it and need the loving service of the congregation. This must always represent the outstanding work to be done by the Board. In accomplishing its purpose, the Board through this Committee is making a survey of the territory of the whole Church. Through Synodical Committees it is seeking to discover where there are

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people of our own faith who do not have the care of the Church in State, County, private and other institutions. We have discovered many Lutherans who have been cut off from the ministry of their Church. Through Synodical Committees the effort is being made to bring the Church to these uncared-for ones. While this is the primary aim yet in the effort to care for our own we cannot neglect the care of any who may need our love and service. This survey has discovered that there are many who ought to have the service of the Church who have not been receiving it. As the survey proceeds it will no doubt serve to arouse many parts of our Church to a deeper sense of their responsibility towards those around them.

Migrant Groups—There are many groups of migrant folk which are cut off from the Church. Efforts to have local congregations serve them are being made.

Surveys—The Committee is also urging upon our congregations the use of the Congregational and Community Surveys. Very happy results have followed the use of both of these.

Letters to Pastors—A letter has been sent to all the pastors of the United Lutheran Church urging them to certain definite activity in connection with their congregational work. This is the first of a series of such letters which have been necessarily delayed through the desperate financial condition of the Board.

Downtown Church Problem—A practical matter of very deep interest to the whole Church is the working out of the Downtown Church problem. A sub-committee of men outside of the Board who were thoroughly familiar with this problem was appointed and presented certain findings to the Board. The effort is now being made to work out their plans at St. Paul's Church, Cincinnati. This is a church in a downtown community of working people. The plan includes the raising of funds for the erection of a church and parish house so that this congregation may become an Inner Mission Center for that section of Cincinnati. The plans and the necessary campaign to carry it through have been approved by the Ohio Synod and its Executive Committee. Many difficulties have been met in carrying into effect the plans made. The first step has, however, been made in the congregation itself by the pledging of $23,000. That this is a remarkable achievement is apparent to anyone who understands the situation. In the near future a campaign will be carried on in Cincinnati outside of the congregational territory to bring this amount to $35,000. With the approval of the Synod of Ohio a like amount will then be sought from the congregations of the Synod. This development will be watched with deep interest by the whole Church and will no doubt serve as an inspiration and model to many other downtown congregations which are feeling the stress.

Child Welfare—The Board has been interested in Child Welfare work. It has been in touch through this Committee with the effort to co-ordinate

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all the various forms of activity in this connection. Many important developments may be expected in this work in the future.

2. The Work of the Institutions Committee.

It is in this department of the work that the largest achievement and encouragement has occurred. During the biennium six new institutions have come into existence. The Old Folks' Home at Clinton, N. Y.—The Home for Delinquents at Meadville, Penna., an institution of the Pittsburgh Synod—A Hospital at Los Angeles, California, which is an effort of our local Lutherans—A Girls' Hospice in Philadelphia, under the Lutheran Women's League—A Girls' Hospice in Akron, Ohio, conducted by Trinity Lutheran Church—and A Girls' Hospice in Milwaukee, under the auspices of the Lutheran Women's League. Not all of these are the exclusive activity of the United Lutheran Church, but our members are interested in all of them.

New Inner Mission Societies—Reading, Penna., is to be added to the list of cities having an Inner Mission Society. The work is in its infancy but large things are being planned.—While it is not called an Inner Mission Society, there is an Inner Mission organization in Charleston, S. C., representing five churches of that city which employs a colporteur for the doing of needed work.

Campaigns for Institutions—There have been three campaigns for institutions in which the United Lutheran Church is vitally interested. The Buffalo Orphanage sought $100,000 for needed repairs and has secured in cash and pledges approximately $200,000; Bethesda Home, an institution of the Pittsburgh Synod, sought $65,000 for the development of its work and has secured practically this amount; The Philadelphia Inner Mission Society has begun a campaign for $100,000 which is being completed at the time of the writing of this report; from all indications that amount will be realized.

Institutions on the Budget of the Church—Three institutions have a place on the budget. The National Lutheran Home for the Aged at Washington, Tabitha Home at Lincoln, Nebraska, and Lowman Home at White Rock, South Carolina. The effort of the Board has been to secure a reduction in the amount given to each of these institutions on the budget. The ultimate aim is that each may be supported by local Synod or Synods. The National Lutheran Home for the Aged at Washington has not seen its way clear to adopt the policy of local support and control. It has therefore been referred to the Executive Board of the Church in whose hands the matter now is. There has been a reduction of $5,000 in the amount of money sought upon the budget for Tabitha Home. It is the intention that this amount is to be reduced $5,000 each biennium while local support is being developed. Lowman Home during the period of its development continues to have a place upon the budget for $5,000. It is, however, understood that this amount will not be sought after the institution has sufficiently developed its activity.

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Offers of Property—Three offers of property have been made during the biennium, two of which were later withdrawn. The third continues in an offer of a farm at Aurora, West Virginia. The purpose of the donor is to establish a home for disabled and superannuated pastors and their dependents. This farm has been accepted by the West Virginia Synod which is seeking the co-operation of other Synods in its support and control.

The Immigrant Mission Work—of the Board has by agreement been turned over to the Board of Immigrant Missions.

Home Finding—Constant effort has been made to encourage the work of Home Finding by the Synodical Committees. Some progress has been made along this line. A number of States are deeply interested in this matter and seek the co-operation of the Church. This is one of the important activities in which our Synodical Committees are interested. There is promise here of large development.

One of the most pressing needs of the day is for Old Folks' Homes. These will be necessary as long as many people do not appreciate their obligation to the old folks and care for them in their own homes. As conditions now are, many distressing instances of our old people wishing to enter a Home and being unable to be admitted have been brought to our attention.

It is interesting to pass on to the Church the figures given in a religious census of the Government concerning institutions of mercy. They provide much food for thought.

13% are State Institutions,
46% are Private Institutions,
38% are Church Institutions.
2% are Jewish Institutions,
1% are Unclassified.

3. *The Work of the Educational Committee.*

This Committee has been urging upon the Church the work of the Lay Reader. To this end a series of resolutions have been prepared, which are being presented to Synods for action.

It is encouraging to note that so far as our information goes there are now eighteen Lay Readers in the United Lutheran Church.

The Message for the Day—The Board has been publishing during the biennium "A Message for the Day". The Message is a four page folder containing the Introit, Collect, Gospel, Sermon, Prayer and Hymn for each Sunday and Major Festival of the Church Year.

This little folder has been an untold blessing to many of our Christian people. A steadily increasing subscription list indicates that it meets a real need. It is an effort through the printed page to bring to our "shut-ins and shut-outs" the services of God's House.

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The Training of Workers—This is one of the activities of the Board in which it crosses the activity of the Deaconess Board and the Parish and Church School Board. An agreement among these three agencies of the Church has been reached whereby curricula will be prepared and the development of such schools will be promoted.

One of the most distressing problems which has come before us has been that our young people who have had some training and desire to enter into Christian service but are not employed by the Church. It has been impossible to find places in which they can be used. Many of them are going into the service of other denominations or of purely secular social agencies. Several conferences have been had with the officers of the Executive Board and the Board of Education in this matter in the hope of finding some solution for it. As the life of the Church develops no doubt it will be possible to make use of these consecrated lives.

This Committee has also been seeking to find a larger place in the curriculum of Theological Seminaries for the study of the Inner Mission. The effort is being made to interest the students in our Seminaries in Inner Mission work. Students are being sought who will be willing to give one year, following their graduation, to the practical work of the Inner Mission in some form or other. The conviction of the Board is, however, that pastoral experience is desirable before permanently entering into the work.

Summer Schools have been generous in their recognition of the Inner Mission upon their programs. This has been a large help to a broader understanding of our work.

One of the outstanding events of the biennium has been a General Inner Mission Conference held in Chicago. At this Conference every large branch of the Lutheran Church in America was represented either upon the program or in discussion. The benefit of this Conference will manifest itself in local work. A further Conference is to be held next Spring.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF INNER MISSIONS.

Income and Expenses.

For the Year ended 31st July, 1921.

Income.

United Lutheran Church	8,804.00	
Loans	1,850.00	
Sale of Literature, etc.	221.19	
United, General and Branch Synods	99.25	
Donations	60.49	
Donations for Special Purposes	37.50	
		$11,072.43

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EXPENSES.

Salary of Secretary	$2,391.60	
Salaries of Clerks, Stenographers, etc.	1,523.00	
Secretary's Traveling Expenses, etc.	2,843.52	
Board Members' Traveling Expenses, etc.	1,380.56	
Literature Purchased	2,651.80	
Loans Repaid	1,450.00	
Office Rental	440 00*	
Office Supplies and Expenses	352 07	
Postage and Expressage	188.17	
Office Furniture Purchased	62 65	
Interest on Loans	1.22	
		$13,284.59
Deficit for the year		$ 2,212.16

*Includes rental for four months prior to August 1, 1920.

Total Cash Disbursements		$11,979.08
Accrued Expenses included above	$1,457.70	
Less, Advances for traveling, etc.	152.19	
		1,305.51
		$13,284.59

RECONCILEMENT OF CASH.

For the Year ended 31st July, 1921.

Balance, August 1, 1920:—In Bank	$839.27	
On Hand	25 00	
		$864.27
Add, Receipts as above		11,072.43
		$11,936.70
Deduct, Disbursements as above		11,979.08
Overdraft, July 31, 1921		$ 42.38

BALANCE SHEET, 31st JULY, 1922.

ASSETS.

Cash in bank and on hand	$ 801 60	
Stamps	3.03	
Inventory of Salable Literature, at cost	2,251 00	
Cash advance for traveling	125 00	
Furniture and Fixtures, at estimated value	200 00	
		$ 3,380.63

LIABILITIES.

Loan, due Rev. F. H. Knubel	250 00
Accounts Payable	1,522 80
Accrued Rental	480.00
	$2,252.80

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FUNDS.

General Fund	$1,127.83	
		$3,380.63

RECONCILEMENT OF FUNDS.

for the Year ended 31st July, 1922.

General Fund		
Balance, August 1, 1921	$523.06	
Add, Excess of Income over Expenses, as annexed	604.77	
		$1,127.83
Special Fund		
Balance, August 1, 1921	$37.50	
Less, Special donations, paid	37.50	
Balance, July 31, 1922		1,127.83

INCOME AND EXPENSES

for the Year ended 31st July, 1922.

INCOME

United Lutheran Church, on Apportionment	$8,938.00
United, General and Branch Synods	234.55
Donations from Congregations	85 20
Donations from Individuals	453.00
Sale of Literature, etc.	461.19
	$10,171.94

EXPENSES.

Salary of Secretary	$3,249.93	
Salaries of Clerks, Stenographers, etc.	1,590.00	
Expenses of Secretary	1,190.88	
Expenses of Board Members, etc.	734.66	
Literature Purchased	1,655.74	
Office Rental	578.32	
Printing and Stationery	72.40	
Postage and Expressage	241.30	
Auditing	157.47	
Office Supplies and Expenses	96.47	
		$9,567.17
Excess of Income over Expenses		$604.77

Respectfully submitted,

WM. FREAS, *Treasurer.*

Philadelphia, 30th August, 1922.

We have audited the accounts of the Board of Inner Mission of the United Lutheran Church in America for the two years ended 31st July, 1922, and we certify that the foregoing Balance Sheet, Receipts and Disbursements, etc., are in accordance with the books of account and are correct.

LYBRAND, ROSS BROS. & MONTGOMERY,
Accountants and Auditors.

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REPORTS FOR INSTITUTIONS.

The Constitution of the Board requires that report shall be made to the United Lutheran Church at its Conventions for the institutions of mercy.

In the effort to truly represent the work of the Church a two-fold classification of institutions has been made. Every effort has been made to have these correct. It is an exceedingly difficult matter, however, to properly classify some of the institutions which our people are supporting.

INNER MISSION INSTITUTIONS AND SOCIETIES.

A—UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA.

(Owned, controlled and supported entirely by the United Lutheran Church in America, one or more of its constituent Synods, one or more of its congregations, or by associations within constituent Synods.)

I. *Orphans' Homes.*

1. St. John's Orphans' Home.....Sulphur Springs, Buffalo, N. Y.
2. Tressler Orphans' Home.....Loysville, Perry Co., Pa.
3. Lutheran Orphan Home.....Salem, Va.
4. Orphans' Home.....Topton, Berks County, Pa.
5. Nachusa Lutheran Orphanage.....Nachusa, Lee County, Ill.
6. Oesterlen Orphans' Home.....Route 10, Springfield, Ohio.

II. *Old People's Homes.*

1. Mary J. Drexel Home.....2100 S. College Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.
2. National Lutheran Home for the Aged.....Washington, D. C.
3. Lutheran Church Home for the Aged and Infirm, 217 E. Delevan Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.
4. Lutheran Home for the Aged.....Erie, Pa.
5. Old People's Home of the Pittsburgh Synod, Zelienople, Butler Co., Pa.
6. Feghtley Home.....Tippecanoe City, Ohio.
7. Franke Home.....261 Calhoun St., Charleston, S. C.
8. Lutheran Home for the Aged.....Southbury, Conn.
9. The Lutheran Church Home for the Aged and Infirm of Central New York .....Clinton, N. Y.

III. *Orphans' and Old People's Homes.*

1. Orphans' Home and Asylum for the Aged, 6950 Germantown Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.
2. Tabitha Home .....Lincoln, Nebr.

IV. *Institutions for Defectives.*

1. Lowman Home for Aged and Helpless.....White Rock, S. C.

V. *Hospices.*

1. The Luther Hospice for Young Men..157 N. 20th St., Philadelphia, Pa.
2. The Lutheran Hospice for Young Women.....Akron, Ohio.

VI. *Miscellaneous Institutions.*

1. The Lutheran Settlement.....1333 Frankford Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.
2. The Martin Luther Neighborhood House, 1333 S. 9th St., Philadelphia, Pa.
3. Kensington Dispensary for the Treatment of Tuberculosis, Hancock St. and Susquehanna Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.
4. River Crest Preventorium.....Mont Clare, Pa.
5. Spring Garden Neighborhood House, 1266 Spring Garden Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.

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6. Bethesda Home .....Meadville, Pa.

VII. *Seamen's and Immigrant Missions.*

1. Seamen's and Immigrant Mission of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, Port of Philadelphia, Pa.

VIII. *Inner Mission Societies and City Missions.*

1. The Inner Mission Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, Philadelphia, Pa.
2. The Inner Mission Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Brooklyn and Vicinity.
3. The Inner Mission Society of the State of Connecticut.
4. Society, Charleston, S. C.
5. The Inner Mission Society of the Lutheran Alliance, Washington, D. C.
6. The Philadelphia City Mission.

IX. *Deaconess Motherhouses.*

1. Lutheran Deaconess Motherhouse..2500 W. North Ave., Baltimore, Md.
2. Mary J. Drexel Home and Philadelphia Motherhouse of Deaconesses, 2100 S. College Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.

B—ALLIED TO THE UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA.

(Not owned, controlled and supported by the United Lutheran Church in America, but in whose ownership, control and support United Lutheran Church congregations have a part.)

I. *Orphans' Homes.*

1. Emaus Orphans' House.....Middletown, Dauphin Co., Pa.
2. Orphans' Home and Farm School.....Zelienople, Pa.
3. Wartburg Orphans' Home and Farm School.....Mt. Vernon, N. Y.
4. Orphan Home of the Children's Friend, 93 Nelson Ave., Jersey City, N. J.

II. *Old People's Homes.*

1. Mary Louise Home for the Aged and Infirm.....Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

III. *Institutions for Defectives.*

1. Passavant Memorial Home for the Care of Epileptics....Rochester, Pa.
2. Good Shepherd Home.....Allentown, Pa.

IV. *Hospices.*

1. Hospice for Young Women.....623 E. 14th St., Minneapolis, Minn.
2. Lutheran Hospice for Young Women, 330 E. North Ave., N. S. Pittsburgh, Pa.
3. Lutheran Hospice for Girls.....509 Park Ave., Baltimore, Md.
4. Hospice for Young Women, Tryon Homestead, 29th and Glenwood Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.

V. *Miscellaneous Institutions.*

1. Layton Home for Incurables.....Milwaukee, Wis.
2. Tabor Home for Destitute and Neglected Children, Near Doylestown, Pa.
3. Children's Receiving Home....Madison St. and 8th Ave., Maywood, Ill.
4. Tiding Over Home for Children, Harway Ave., Gravesend, Brooklyn, N. Y.
5. Recreation Home for Women and Children, Harway Ave., Gravesend, Brooklyn, N. Y.
6. Artman Home for Lutherans.....Sellersville, Pa.
7. Wilbur A. Herrlich Memorial.....Towners, N. Y.

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VI. *Hospitals.*

1. Children's Hospital.....2100 S. College Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.
2. Lutheran Hospital of Manhattan,
   Convent Ave. and 144th St., New York City.

VII. *Seamen and Immigrant Missions.*

1. Seamen's Mission.....64 Hudson St., Hoboken, N. J.
2. Lutheran Emigrants' House Association, 147 W. 23rd St., New York City.

VIII. *Inner Mission Societies.*

1. Lutheran Inner Mission Society of Minneapolis, Minn.
2. Lutheran Inner Mission Society of Pittsburgh, Pa.
3. Inner Mission Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in New York.
4. Inner Mission Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Buffalo, N. Y.
5. Inner Mission Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Baltimore and Vicinity.
6. Inner Mission Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Reading, Pa.

IX. *Deaconess Motherhouse.*

1. The Milwaukee Motherhouse.....Milwaukee, Wis

I. ORPHANS' HOMES.

1. *Evangelical Lutheran St. John's Orphans' Home, Buffalo, N. Y.*

Nearly 58 years ago the faith and devotion of a pioneer pastor of Buffalo, Rev. Christian Volz, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, founded St. John's Orphans' Home.

More than 800 children have found a home in this institution during the years that have passed. St. John's has never had large and pretentious buildings. The first building on Hickory St. in Buffalo was a frame structure. The property at Mineral Spring Road where the Home is located at present was not expensive. In 1875 a plain building was erected, to which later a wing was added. The building is still in use.

After many months of deliberation and discussion the Board of Directors of St. John's Orphans' Home, representing the various congregations of the United Lutheran Church, came to the conclusion that $100,000 were required to equip the Home properly and build a gymnasium, new school rooms, and remodel the present building. During the period from April 24 to May 27 appeal was made to the Lutherans in Buffalo and vicinity and to the many friends of the Home with its great plea for assistance.

The campaign was conducted and $198,000 were pledged. A new heating system was installed in the present building and the erection of the new building is under way.

The Home has last year cared for 92 children. Receipts during the year amount to $27,982, and expenditures were $27,334.

2. *Tressler Orphans' Home, Loysville, Pa.*

By a merciful Providence we are able to bring you a happy report. There has been no serious sickness in our family of 280 children ranging

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in age from two to sixteen. We have received 51 in the past year and discharged 46.

The West Penna. Junior Building is completed and furnished. The East Penna. Boys' Dormitory is well on the way. The new Hospital is waiting the bricklayers. The Alleghany Girls' Dormitory will be carried forward. Many repairs and improvements in the property have been made.

The farm crops have been considerably reduced through the long drought in this section of the country.

The children of suitable age are taught to do the kinds of work which are found in the average home and farm.

The religious education has been receiving the same careful effort as in former years. Four classes in the catechism are conducted and 30 young people have been confirmed this year. Sunday School is held regularly; also a young people's Society. Daily morning and evening chapel services are held and sermons by the local pastor are preached each Sunday.

3. *Lutheran Orphan Home, Salem, Va.*

The present year marks the 34th of our existence. The numerous blessings and mercies of God have been full and free to us.

The general health of the children has been good. Our three schools have gone steadily on under our own teachers at the Home, and at our own expense.

At present we have 106 children in the Home, coming to us from five States. Five of them are in High School, one also having just completed the course. One of our boys is in his second year at Roanoke College, preparing for the ministry. Three of our girls are taking courses in preparation to becoming trained nurses. Several others have the professions in view and will enter upon this work during the year.

Our endowment fund amounts to $32,100; building fund totals $36,121; and current expense fund is $18,033. We have no liabilities.

An assistant to the superintendent has been secured. The heavy burden of directing the Home and increasing the Building Fund made this additional worker necessary.

4. *The Lutheran Orphans' Home, Topton, Pa.*

The Orphans' Home at Topton, Pa. has enjoyed a very blessed biennium. In sheltering the average of 150 children, it has enjoyed the blessing of health. The liberality of our friends and supporters is worthy of mention. We are happy to say that we have not been handicapped with deficits. Legacies have been coming to us which have enabled us to put up an addition to the building at a cost of approximately $20,000; set aside $25,000 as the beginning of an endowment fund; and establish an educational fund the income of which is to be used for the support of a boy preparing for the ministry or a girl for deaconness work or nursing.

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Friends have provided to educate some of the children at the Normal School at Kutztown, Pa. as well as at business college at Allentown, Pa. One of our boys is provided for by a friend as a student at Muhlenberg College.

The Superintendent confirmed classes on Palm Sunday the past two years after a due course of catechetical instruction.

The Home authorities have succeeded, in addition to those received into the Home, in placing quite a number of needy in private homes.

Our work has been expanding, and though we have enlarged, we still need more room, especially a separate intermediate building.

The active management of the institution deserves the highest commendation.

5. *The Nachusa Lutheran Orphanage of the United Lutheran Church in America, Nachusa, Ill.*

The past biennium was an important one of Nachusa Lutheran Orphanage. It marked the payment of a long standing debt and the receipts for current expenses were sufficient for the maintenance of the Home.

On Jan. 1, 1921, Rev. J. A. McCulloch resigned as Superintendent after serving in this capacity for six years, Rev. P. H. Stahl was elected to succeed him, and began his duties Feb. 1, 1921.

Improvements amounting to $2,500 were made to the property. The main building was painted on the outside, and the inside walls redecorated; the floors in the play-room, bath-rooms, and halls were covered with mastic; the Dunham system was attached to the heating plant; and other minor improvements. The house built for the Superintendent supplies a great need.

There are 35 children in the Home, 17 girls and 18 boys. 12 children have been dismissed, and 14 received. Many worthy applications have been refused for lack of room.

All the children attend school, 30 in the grades and 5 in high school. The religious instruction of the children is also being emphasized. A systematic study of Bible history, Bible stories, and missions was outlined and used for the first time last year.

The present great need is more room to accommodate more children. A building program consisting of the erection of two cottages, a central heating plant, laundry, remodeling of the present dining room and kitchen. and barn, has been outlined by the Executive Committee. Plans are now being drawn for some of these buildings, and the other necessary steps are being taken to carry out the program. About $75,000 will be needed to erect and equip the buildings. The work will likely be started early next year.

6. *Oesterlein Orphans' Home, Springfield, Ohio.*

The work of our institution continues to move in a happy way with complete harmony.

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We now have 42 wards, 24 boys and 18 girls, 3 of whom attend the Springfield High School and 36 are in the grades of the city schools. 17 applications have been received and 12 admitted. 4 have been dismissed from the institution.

The children attend Sunday School and church services at one of our Springfield churches.

The property is in good condition. Such improvements and additions as the means at hand would permit have been made.

There is imperative need for more room so that we may care for more of the children who are being urged upon us.

II. Old People's Homes.

2. *National Lutheran Home for the Aged, Washington, D. C.*

Reports directly to the Buffalo Convention.

3. *Lutheran Church Home, Buffalo, N. Y.*

The Lutheran Church Home continues its loving service to the old folks who otherwise would be objects for charity.

Forty-six old persons have received our care during the last year. Nine deaths, including that of our oldest ward, aged 94, occurred during the year. Nine persons also were admitted to our family.

Our Home celebrated its silver jubilee with much rejoicing. We enjoy the interest and sympathetic assistance of our Lutheran people in Buffalo. Many business men decrease our expenses by donations of food stuffs.

The Woman's Auxiliary continues its great work in the work for and support of the Home.

Our efficient matron, Miss Louise Kahler, has completed 25 years of blessed service with the Home. She was surprised on the anniversary day with a token of affection.

We gratefully acknowledge the goodness of our Lord in permitting us thus to serve, and for His guidance and help during a quarter of a century.

5. *The Old People's Home of the Pittsburgh Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, Zelienople, Pa.*

The Home was founded by the Pittsburgh Synod in 1904. The Synod holds title to all the property. It conducts the Home through a Board of Managers, which it elects. It recently filled four vacancies from nominations made by the Board.

During the biennium 20 persons were admitted to the Home, 2 withdrew, 11 died, and 68 persons were cared for. The family at present consists of 28. The Board has a waiting list of applications.

The regular maintenance expenses was $21,133, with an indebtedness of $2,716.

Five acres of land adjoining the Home were purchased and eight additional lots in the Zelienople Cemetery were bought and markers placed on the graves of 6 of our dead.

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Necessary repairs and improvements on ground and buildings were made. Enlargement of the Home is imperative. Looking to this necessity Synod authorized the Board of Managers to open a building fund for the erection of a south wing to the main building.

6. *Feghtly Lutheran Home, Tippecanoe City, Ohio.*

The Feghtly Lutheran Home, founded by Sarah Feghtly for aged women, and located in the beautiful village of Tippecanoe, has continued its work for the past two years uninterruptedly. There has been constantly in the Home from twelve to fifteen members. During the past two years five new members were admitted. One withdrew at her own request, after being at the Home for a short time. One member became mentally unbalanced, and it was necessary to remove her to the Insane Hospital. During the past two years one member has died.

There is a growing and insistent demand for places in our Home. Worthy women of bitter need are knocking at our doors, but we are unable to admit them for lack of room. The building can house but fifteen inmates, and the endowment we have will not support a larger home.

During the past two years electric lights have been installed at the Home which materially reduces the fire hazard. Many donations and free will gifts have been made by friends of this institution, among them being an electric mangle presented by Mrs. Selina B. Belmar of Cincinnati. These gifts have greatly added to the happiness and welfare of the members of this Home.

Under the will of Howard D. Plank of Logansport, who recently died, this Home is made one of four residuary legatees. The estate is now in litigation, but it is hoped that the Home will finally receive several thousand dollars to be added to its funds.

With sincerest thanksgiving to God for His goodness and love, His care and manifold blessings upon this Home, for the aged, this is respectfully submitted.

7. *Franke Home, Charleston, S. C.*

The title to the property of the Home is vested in the Evangelical Lutheran Charities Society of Charleston, S. C., composed of the pastor and two lay representatives of each of our five local churches. The institution is in high favor in the city, not only among our own people but in the community at large and there is usually a waiting list.

Our most marked advance in the past two years was the installation of our Deaconess, Sister Dorathea Hesse, from the Baltimore Motherhouse, as superintendent. This official has brought into the Home a very beautiful and uplifting Christian spirit, and has also demonstrated the fact that such a trained worker can render doubly efficient service.

8. *The Lutheran Home for the Aged, Southbury, Conn.*

The Lutheran Home for the Aged in Southbury, Conn., owned by the Lutheran Inner Mission Society of the State of Connecticut, entered the fifth year.

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Rev. P. F. Clemen is director of the institution. The Home takes care of 22 old people, its maximum capacity. It has had a very successful year, being able to reduce the debt considerably and starting a sinking found of over $4,000.

9. *The Southern Church Home for the Aged and Infirm of Central New York.*

Our Home for the old folks grew out of our needs in Utica. The pastors of our congregations conferred concerning this need, and later called in some of our laymen. The result was the effecting of a permanent organization and the incorporation of the association under the laws of New York.

After a long, tireless search, the property now occupied was purchased. It is located at Clinton, N. Y., a bit over seven miles from the heart of Utica. There are 10½ acres of ground, fronting 500 feet on the highway. A house of 13 rooms, accomodating 10 people, sets back a distance from the road. Water comes from a spring on the property with an auxiliary well.

Five persons are in the Home, with applications from five other Lutherans, and quite a number who are not Lutherans. Our own should have the preference.

A survey of our territory revealed the need also of an orphanage, and Inner Mission work peculiar to each community. Plans are therefore in process to extend the work with the co-operation of Central New York Pastoral Association. Amendments to our constitution have been adopted to make possible this larger work. An Inner Mission Society for Central New York is being formed and incorporation is to be sought in the fall. This Society will foster the enlargement of our work.

III. Orphans' and Old People's Homes.

1. *Philadelphia Orphans' Home, Philadelphia, Pa.*

The Germantown Orphans' Home at this time (July 1922) cares for 165 boys and girls, and fifty-five aged men and women. The family is gathered from the congregations of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, which also elects members of its Boards of Directors. Children of all ages are cared for, the Baby Home enabling reception of young babies.

During the last two years the buildings have undergone extensive alteration and improvement. A disastrous fire in December 1921 gutted the girls' building, causing a loss of $43,000. Insurance and a large offering, spontaneously made by the churches, enabled rebuilding with most modern improvements. A new spacious dining hall was constructed, all recreation rooms refinished, and in most cases refurnished; five dormitories renovated and in part refurnished, are among the improvements made.

The medical work has been developed to an efficiency which has elicited much praise. A modern dispensary, small hospital equipped for surgical

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and medical work, are in care of a trained nurse, added to the staff. The Kiefaber Memorial Hospital for Contagious Diseases, now under construction, will give the Institution a complete equipment.

The matter of education receives careful study and attention. The Home plans to afford every child a grammar school education. Children of merit are continued through high school and college. Children over six years attend the public school. Students from the Beechwood Girls' College conduct the Kindergarten.

The religious exercises of each day and the Sunday School instruction are supplemented by a very fine Summer Bible School, conducted by trained teachers. Services on Sundays are alternately in German and English.

The Home is situated in one of the finest residential suburbs, and has erected on a valuable tract a fine group of buildings.

2. *Tabitha Home, Lincoln, Nebr.*

Tabitha Home, Lincoln, Nebr., is not only a home for the orphan and the aged, but it has succored and is now caring for a number who are in wheel chairs or helpless in bed. Not a child has died since Tabitha came under Lutheran care.

At the present time there are 39 children and 45 aged and helpless, a total of 84. During the biennium, 25 children and 3 aged have been dismissed and 16 aged and helpless died, a total of 44. During the same period, 36 have been admitted, 18 of whom were children, and 18 old and helpless.

The encouragement for us is a growing interest over the territory of Tabitha Home. The discouragements that were continually with us were the financial depression on all sides, and the ever present realization of a lack of room for those already in the Home, and for those needy ones clamoring at our doors. If it had not been for a considerable entrance fee from three aged people, and a voluntary support from seven Synods outside our allotted territory, Tabitha Home would have been financially embarrassed.

The net worth of the property is estimated at $104,000. At times we have had more than 100 inmates and helpers in the Home.

The past year our disbursements were $33,241, while the amount received from the United Lutheran Church Treasury was $12,584, only about 60 per cent. of the amount promised Tabitha Home. We are situated in Home Mission territory. We are doing our best. We must have help. To help Tabitha Home is to aid a blessed work for the Lord's helpless ones in the western fields of the United Lutheran Church in America.

IV. Institutions for Defectives.

1. *The Lowman Home for the Aged and Helpless, White Rock, S. C.*

The Lowman Home was founded to take care of the aged and helpless including epileptics and defectives except such as are insane and blind.

During the past two years the Board has made some preparation to erect

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an administration building. The design of a building has been made which will accommodate 48 inmates besides chapel, dining room, and office.

The lumber for this building has been prepared on the farm, also a cottage of six rooms is now in the process of erection for a home for the superintendent, so the present buildings on the grounds can be fitted up for inmates. This will enable the Home in the near future to receive about 12 more people.

A questionnaire has been sent out to all the congregations in the South asking a report of all persons who should have the help of this Institution. Seventy-five per cent. of the pastors have reported sixty, besides a few from the North, who have made application for entrance.

The severe business depression in this section through the loss of the cotton crop has largely destroyed the income from the lands belonging to the Home.

The Home has received in donations and bequests from individuals $4,000 during the last biennium.

V. Hospices.

1. *The Luther Hospice, Philadelphia, Pa.*

Our part of the great work of Christian philanthropy in which our city and State are second to none is ever kept at the highest point of efficiency.

We have demonstrated that, where the accommodations offered come anywhere near what young men want, the work will be supported and an opportunity offered to render real service to young men. While creature comforts by no means come first in the Hospice, nevertheless those interested cannot expect our young people to be satisfied to live where accommodations are at least not equal to the homes from which they came.

The Hospice is nothing more than the extension of the Christian family, and where the Christian and elevating influences of the Christian family are to be maintained there must also the comforts of the home be found.

While our building here in Philadelphia has not all the comforts of the modern hotel, it is nevertheless a good stepping-stone toward what we are hoping it to be in the near future, and it is well supported by our people.

Our Home is continually filled to overflowing and during at least ten months of the year we could have doubled the number of guests if we had the accommodations. Our house accommodates 65 guests and our dining room accommodates 80. Guests rooming outside the building keep the dining room filled to capacity.

We maintain here that cheerful and helpful atmosphere which means everything to the young man away from home. Our reading room and music room help to pass the time of guests profitably. Not the recreation, however, but the family prayer, the Bible study classes, and the personal work among the men are the special features of our work.

The work is practically self-supporting. The receipts over the desk for accommodations in 1921 were over $32,000.

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2. *The Lutheran Hospice for Young Women, Akron, Ohio.*

The Lutheran Hospice for Young Women, 64 N. Prospect St., Akron, Ohio, is owned and under the jurisdiction of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity, Akron, Ohio.

So far as we know this church is the only one that has taken up this type of Inner Mission work alone.

The Hospice was formally opened by the congregation giving a reception to all interested friends in November, 1920.

The Guild Ladies of the Church celebrated the first milestone by giving a birthday party, having open house all day.

The property is valued at $50,000 on which there is some indebtedness.

The first year we made a home for 19 young ladies, and entertained 100 transient guests. Our Deaconess makes her home in the Hospice.

Forty hungry men were given meals, in return for which they have each given one hour of work.

Our friends have been most kind, enabling us to show a balance instead of a deficit for our running expenses the first year.

VI. Miscellaneous Institutions.

1. *The Lutheran Settlement, Philadelphia, Pa.*

During the past two years the activities of the Settlement have grown more rapidly both in volume and efficiency than during any similar period since its foundation in 1906.

There are three departments of the work: The Relief Department ministers to the need of the sick, the destitute, the weak, sorrowful and helpless. The Educational Department maintains classes in music, drawing, domestic science and various trades and occupations for male and female and includes a library and a savings bank. The Religious Department comprises regular church services on Sundays, a Sunday School, daily Vesper services, Christian Kindergarten, Summer Bible School, Bible Classes, friendly and pastoral visitation and ministrations.

While all departments have prospered greatly, the growth in the Religious Department has been most remarkable. The Sunday School membership has increased from 60 in 1920 to 359 in 1922. A regular church service has been established and this year a class of 23 were confirmed and received into the Church.

The Settlement is located at 1333 Frankford Ave., and Deaconess Edna C. Hill is Sister in charge; vice the Rev. G. H. Bechtold, Director, now Executive Secretary of the Lutheran Bureau of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania. The value of the property has increased from $8,000 in 1920 to $60 000 this year. There are six regular paid workers and 65 volunteer workers. It is estimated that between 3,000 and 4,000 people come within its influence annually.

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2. *The Martin Luther Neighborhood House, Philadelphia, Pa.*

The work among the Italians at the Martin Luther Neighborhood House at 1333 S. 9th St., Philadelphia, Pa., has been encouraging in all departments. Over 500 children have come under its influence annually.

There is a daily Christian Kindergarten, average attendance 55, a daily Vacation Bible School in the summer, average attendance 75, a sewing class, once a week, average attendance 35, a Junior Luther League, average attendance 30, and a Mission Band of 30.

A circulating library has been maintained affording the children access to desirable books.

Working in connection with the Free Country Week Association a number of children were sent to the country for two weeks.

The staff consists of three paid workers, and about 20 volunteer workers. Miss Anna P. Hess succeeds Pastor Bechtold as directress of the work.

The House engages in all departments of St. Peter's Italian Lutheran Church. The religious work of the two is so closely connected that it is impossible to separate them.

3. *Kensington Dispensary for the Treatment of Tuberculosis, Phila., Pa.*

Founded "under the guidance of God" for the purpose of alleviating tuberculosis in any form without regard to race, creed, color, or condition, the Kensington Dispensary has during the past biennium cared for hundreds of patients at its institution conducting both day and night clinics and the visiting physician has given medical attention, in their respective homes, to those too ill to come for the treatment.

The nurse again visited all patients distributing free of charge milk and other necessities to those unable to provide them.

The Relief Fund for coal, shoes, blankets, food, etc., has constant and innumerable demands.

An institution now in existence sixteen years, supported entirely by voluntary contributions, the Kensington Dispensary rejoices that it has, by the grace of God, been the means of bringing relief to thousands of sufferers and supplied the needs of hundreds of destitute families.

4. *River Crest Preventorium, Mont Clare, Pa.*

River Crest Preventorium with its capacity for 39 children and demands for the accommodation of a hundred, cared for 403 little folks ranging in age from 3 to 14 years, during the past biennium.

Children from all sections of Philadelphia and vicinity have come under our care and observation.

River Crest is not for cases of active tuberculosis but for those exposed to it, who, by living in the fresh air and enjoying good wholesome food are able to resist the inroads of the disease.

The institution's doors are open the year round, larger quarters being an urgent need, so that instead of keeping children two weeks at a time they may stay several months uninterruptedly.

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The remarkable gains in weight and general improvement along every line are the strongest arguments for the expansion and greater interest in this work for dependent childhood, His little ones, entrusted to us for loving, tender care.

5. *The Spring Garden Neighborhood House, Pittsburgh, Pa.*

Spring Garden Neighborhood House is located in a narrow, thickly populated valley. The people are mostly German or Bohemian, although we have 15 or more nationalities represented here. The Woman's Missionary Society began the settlement house in 1913. Through it and through Grace Church we attempt to reach the souls and needs of the people.

The work for the biennium summarizes as follows:

	1920	1921
Meetings held	468	559
Total attendance	9,863	19,658
Average Monthly Attendance	822	1,710
1921		
Children—Boys		807
Girls		1,306
Mixed		9,432
1921		
Adult—Men		1,015
Women		1.358
1921		
Library		2,594
Visitation by worker	202	463

Classes of various kinds, Vacation Bible Schools, Recreation Bible Training, Men's and Women's groups use the Neighborhood House. All emphasize the Christian side of life and conduct.

This fall Sister Rose Barbour comes as our Deaconess. We hope also to have an assistant for her who will help in the work. This summer we plan to raise our present church one story and use the first floor for Neighborhood House work. We expect to add other facilities to help us meet the needs of the community.

6. *Bethesda, House of Mercy and Home for Children, Meadville, Pa.*

Bethesda is the new name of the Lutheran Orphans' Home of the Pittsburgh Synod. The change of name is due to the fact that the old name failed to designate properly the nature of the work undertaken here. It is not an Orphans' Home in the strict sense of the word, but a Home for orphans, destitute, friendless, delinquent and defective children without distinction as to race, creed, or condition. We hope eventually to care for all these classes in Bethesda. Thus far we have been laboring under severe handicaps in the old farm house but within a few weeks we will enter the new building where we shall be able to care for about fifty children.

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We have already cared for eight delinquents, one rather a difficult case; this one we have taken to the home of one of the members of our Lutheran Church here and he is doing well, saved from the stigma of the Reformatory and on the way to useful and unblighted manhood. In Bethesda the Lutheran Church has made a beginning in real Inner Mission work.

VII. Seaman and Immigrant Missions.

1. *Seaman's Mission of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania.*

Seaman's Mission at the port of Philadelphia was begun in 1903 by the Ministerium of Pennsylvania. A Seaman's pastor has charge of the work, while a layman is the Superintendent of the Home which was secured in 1908 at 1402 East Moyamensing Avenue. Here the sailor can rest, here he finds a reading and writing room, clean lodgings, shower baths, storage facilities for baggage, safe-keeping and forwarding of money, employment and spiritual and material aid. An association of about 1,000 members maintains this home for German seamen.

During the last few years it was very quiet at the Home, but since we have a new Superintendent and his wife at the head of the institution the number of guests and visiting sailors is increasing. During the last 4 months we had 53 guests in 1,068 sleeping nights, there were 534 visitors of the reading room, 58 free lodgings and 82 free meals were given. Employment for 21 was secured and money for safekeeping or forwarding $340.30.

The Seamen's pastor visited 573 vessels during the last two years, 3,600 sailors of 45 different nationalities were met, of these 1,300 were Lutherans. Nearly 10,000 tracts and periodicals were distributed, also 2,000 parts of the New Testament in 22 different languages.

VIII. Inner Mission Societies and City Missions.

1. *The Inner Mission Society of the Evan. Lutheran Church, Phila., Pa.*

This pioneer among similar societies in the United States was organized in 1902, incorporated May 29, 1911, and has a membership of 1,500 or more. Its Board of Managers consists of six clergymen, nine laymen and six laywomen, all members of the United Lutheran Church in America.

The Society owns and conducts the Luther Hospice for Young Men, a fine and valuable property at 20th and Race Sts., in which an average of 80 young men find a Christian Home.

The Settlement at 1333 Frankford Ave., an activity on a strictly Christian and churchly basis, combining numerous religious, educational and benevolent features, and successfully solving the so-called downtown church problem in a neglected up-town neighborhood.

The Martin Luther Neighborhood House, 1333 S. 9th St., in the heart of the Italian quarter, where a large Christian kindergarten is maintained.

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For the further extension of the Society's work, and especially for a new and larger Settlement House, a successful campaign for $100,000 was recently conducted.

The Director of the Hospice is the Rev. Jos. S. Schantz, who is also the Society's pastor in its spiritual work; a Sister from the Baltimore Motherhouse is in charge of the internal affairs of the Settlement; and Miss Anna Hess is the responsible head of the Martin Luther Neighborhood House. The President of the Society and of its Board is the Rev. J. F. Ohl, D.D., and the Secretary is the Rev. F. S. Kuntz. A Woman's Auxiliary is most active and efficient in support of the work.

2. *The Inner Mission Society of Brooklyn and Vicinity.*

The Brooklyn Inner Mission Society uses the services of a pastor as missionary, a trained woman on full time and a number of volunteers.

One of the most important activities of the Society is work in hospitals where Lutherans and others are given the benefits of the gospel and their material needs are cared for.

The Society cooperates with the New York Inner Mission Society in the Summer Home and many of our boys and girls have the benefit of the outing during the summer.

A most important work is being done through the Women's Auxiliary in the organization of the young people of our churches for service. This activity has brought most blessed and happy results.

3. *The Lutheran Inner Mission Society of the State of Connecticut.*

The Lutheran Inner Mission Society of the State of Connecticut was organized in the fall of 1917 "to found and maintain institutions and homes for the Aged and Orphan. Also to erect and maintain other institutions of Inner Mission work if necessity requires it."

The officers of the Society are Rev. H. Voigt, President; Mr. H. Stelzner, Vice President; Rev. E. Hingkeldey, Secretary; Rev. P. F. Clemen, Financial Secretary; Mr. J. Knapp, Treasurer.

The first and so far the only instiution the Inner Mission Society maintains is the Lutheran Home for the Aged in Southbury, Conn.

4. *The Evangelical Lutheran Charities Society, Charleston, S. C.*

The Society controls and supports the Franke Home for the Aged.

Our latest ministry has been to some of the women who have returned with their husbands who have served with the American Army of Occupation at Coblenz. One of these women is now being housed and tenderly cared for in our institution where she will be kept without charge until she enters a maternity hospital in this city. Although she is not of our faith, the Society believes that in ministering to her it is truly performing an act of Christian charity and is, at the same time, setting a high example before the community of the real spirit of the true American citizen.

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5. *Inner Mission Society of the Lutheran Alliance, Washington, D. C.*

Because its population is so largely a transient one, the District of Columbia is a field greatly in need of Inner Mission work. People come, move, and go in such rapid succession that one pays little attention to a neighbor's movements. The consequences are that an individual finds himself in time of sickness and trouble with a very small circle, if any, of friends who know of his condition or whereabouts. Then he turns to the Church for help.

The Home for the Blind, to which readers are sent; the House of Detention, where meetings are held, the various Rescue Missions, where pastors and young people's societies are invited to hold meetings; the mission homes for children request garments sewed; these are all fruitful fields for Christian service.

The aged people in the National Home look forward with great eagerness to entertainments, treats, and religious services. Some of them are too nearly blind to read their Bibles. They are read to. Automobile rides are given them by kind friends in the churches.

By means of a system of cards, addressed and stamped, ready to be filled in and mailed to our Secretary the presence of a Lutheran in a local hospital is made known to the pastor of the patient's choice. The pastor and the secretary call. If he has no church home the nearest Lutheran pastor is asked to call. This visitation is much appreciated by the patient and the nurses, who say they wish all the churches would adopt this system.

6. *The Philadelphia City Mission.*

The Philadelphia City Mission was established and is maintained by the Ministerium of Pennsylvania. It furnishes missionaries for religious services in the charitable, reformatory, and penal institutions of the city, and for private spiritual ministrations among those who are without pastoral care, especially when such persons are or have been identified with the Lutheran Church.

Upwards of 500 services are annually held in hospitals, homes and prisons, while the visits to individuals in these number thousands. Lutherans moving to the city, whose names and addresses are furnished the Superintendent, are visited, directed to the nearest church, and name and address sent to the pastor.

In numerous instances also places of refuge are found for orphaned and neglected children, and for homeless and aged persons. Friendless and penniless communicants of the Lutheran Church who die in one of the hospitals are buried at the City Mission expenses in one or the other of its burial plots. Three regular missionaries devote themselves entirely to the work, and volunteer service is rendered by other pastors and by students of the Mount Airy Seminary.

The Superintendent is the Rev. J. F. Ohl, D.D., 826 S. St. Bernard St.; Office, Room 64, DeLong Building, 13th and Chestnut streets.

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IX. Deaconess Motherhouses.

A report of the Deaconess Motherhouses of the United Lutheran Church may at first sight seem unnecessary, as the Deaconess Board furnishes a complete statement. Yet a review of the Inner Mission activity of the Church would not be complete without at least a reference to this important service. Our two Motherhouses, besides doing Inner Mission work, are most helpful to the cause by training workers in addition to the Sisters. The Milwaukee Motherhouse, while having no official relations with the Church, is doing its share towards the training of workers for Inner Mission activities.

1. *The Baltimore Motherhouse.*

The Baltimore Motherhouse has made encouraging progress. The number of sisters in regular connection with it has grown within the biennium from 49 to 60. Parish deaconesses have been assigned to 9 additional congregations. 27 young women have pursued the one year course for Christian workers and a number of prospective missionaries have received gratuitous training.

Rev. Foster U. Gift, D.D., has been elected superintendent of instruction and will devote his whole time to the work of teaching in the Motherhouse and promoting week-day religious instruction throughout the Church. The regular courses include preparation for labor in week-day Church schools and, for those who may desire it, an additional term of six weeks will hereafter be offered for intensive training along special lines of service.

Sister Emma Francis, a cultured native of the Virgin Islands, after thorough training in a foreign Motherhouse, and effective service as a probationer in St. Croix, V. I., has been consecrated as a Deaconess of the United Lutheran Church and assigned for labor among the people of her own race in Harlem, New York City, under the supervision of the Philadelphia Motherhouse.

As the Baltimore Motherhouse is the property of the United Lutheran Church and controlled directly by it, a more detailed statement of its work will be found in the report of the Board of Deaconess Work.

2. *The Philadelphia Motherhouse.*

The Philadelphia Motherhouse has 87 sisters of whom 15 are doing various forms of Inner Mission work among orphans, aged, consumptives, sick, and destitute. Also the educational work done by the Motherhouse is of Inner Mission value, because through the Lankenau School for Girls, and especially through the Kindergarten, it reaches many families without any other Christian influence.

An important Inner Mission feature is added this fall by a two year course for Christian workers offered to a limited number of students. The first year is to be devoted to the study of Christian fundamentals and education, the latter chiefly in connection with the kindergarten, and

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the second year chiefly to training in nursing, housekeeping and social work. It is the aim to give a well balanced theoretical and practical course fitting serious minded young women unable to become deaconesses for real service in our congregations.

The Philadelphia Motherhouse especially feels keenly the burden of large responsibilities with a minimum of sisters. Great possibilities of expansion lie within reach as soon as a larger number of sisters is at its disposal. By January 1, 25 to 30 additional sisters could easily be placed. Some of the doors will not always remain open. For lack of deaconesses the Church has already lost a number of opportunities for extending her influence. We realize keenly the importance of deaconess work in the Inner Mission fields and join the call for more young women to enter this force of trained "regulars" in the Church's ministry of love.

B. Allied to United Lutheran Church.

I. Orphans' Home.

2. *Orphans' Home and Farm School, Zelienople, Pa.*

The Orphans' Home and Farm School at Zelienople, Pa., founded by Rev. W. A. Passavant in the year 1852, is one of the oldest institutions of mercy in the Lutheran Church in America.

Located on the territory of the Pittsburgh Synod this Home has been active in caring for Pittsburgh Synod's dependent orphans and half-orphan children for seventy years.

One hundred and forty-three children were cared for during the past year, ranging in ages from 3 to 16 years.

This spring one of our boys was ordained as a minister of the Gospel, two boys are in college preparing for the ministry and one of our girls is studying to become a foreign missionary.

Our farm consists of 400 acres, 225 of which are under cultivation and produce bountiful crops. The remainder is covered with oak timber.

At the present time a building is being remodeled and enlarged for a hospital. The cost of maintenance of a child for a year is $165.

3. *The Wartburg Orphans' Farm School, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.*

The Wartburg Orphans' Farm School is now in its 56th year. Begun in memory to a son, for whom he had intended to erect a fine monument, Henry Moeller could hardly dream of the blessing this change in his plans would mean. From one small building, in which Pastor Holls, a son of Wichern's Home in Hamburg, held forth for 19 years, the work has grown until now there are 19 buildings upon the grounds and the end is not yet.

Pastor Holls was succeeded by Rev. G. C. Berkmeier, whose 35 years of activity has seen the Wartburg progress until today it is one of American Lutheranism's finest works.

When Dr. Berkemeier's health failed over a year ago, S. G. von Bosse,

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pastor of Zion Church, Wilmington, Del., was chosen the third director of the Home.

There are at present 300 children in the Home, orphans and half-orphans; also 36 aged in the Mary Louise Heins Building.

An auditorium seating 2200 people, a Church with room for 600, a completely furnished gymnasium, a school with room for eight full grades, a modern agricultural building, laundry and emergency hospital are to be found besides the buildings for the children. The cottage system which was here introduced has been copied throughout the country. All buildings are equipped with electric light, proper bathing and shower bath facilities and conveniences, such as few institutions can boast.

There is room for every conceivable form of Inner Mission activity, the only handicap being the securing of efficient helpers. Consequently the Board of Trustees is now contemplating the erection of a building in which such helpers may be trained not only for the Wartburg but for the Church as well.

III. Institutions for Defectives.

2. *The Good Shepherd Home, Allentown, Pa.*

The Good Shepherd Home is unique in many ways. It is a Home for crippled orphans, blind orphans, epileptic orphans, infant orphans, destitute children, old people and aged or disabled ministers, regardless of money, creed, color, or nationality.

Our object can be put in a word, "Help the Helpless."

After visiting and studying the leading institutions of America and of Europe, and consulting with the foremost specialists of the country, with an eye single to our peculiar needs, we have thought out, prayed out and worked out what we need as a clearing house in the city for the crippled orphan children entrusted to our care at the Good Shepherd Home.

Many of our friends do not as yet see and understand the Good Shepherd Home plan of studying the individuality of the child and properly classifying them so as to bring out the best that is in them. Thank God many of our friends see the great advantage for the children and show it with their contributions. The greater part of the "Colony of Mercy" which we plan will be located on the Good Shepherd Home Farms.

IV. Hospices.

2. *The Lutheran Hospice for Young Women, Pittsburgh, Pa.*

The Lutheran Hospice for Young Women, 330 East North Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa., was opened by the Inner Mission Society. The Home has a capacity for 34 guests and sheltered 42 regular and 260 transient guests from nearby towns, rural districts and distant cities.

Hospice Day is observed in November and the interest bearing indebtedness has been reduced to $3,000. The property valuation is over $32,500.

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The maintenance account for the year ending April 1, 1922, showed $11,066.51 and $10,442.09 expended.

3. *The Girls' Hospice, Baltimore, Md.*

The Inner Mission Society of Baltimore conducts the Girls' Hospice at 509 Park Ave., which is an old fashioned large dwelling house with 19 rooms and a large side yard. Many improvements have been made in the last two years, the Woman's Auxiliary taking an active interest in its welfare.

The management of the house for the last four years has been most successfully conducted by Sister Zora Heckart, who does everything to make life at the Hospice very home like. Consequently the house is always filled to its capacity with a waiting list.

We have accommodations for 30 girls; the value of the property is $25,000 with a mortgage of $12,000. The receipts for the last biennium were $17,616, and the expenditures $17,457.

4. *Girls' Hospice. Tryon Mansion, Philadelphia, Pa.*

In caring for and offering a home to 21 girls living outside of Philadelphia the Tryon Homestead is filling a long felt need and is in every sense of the word a Christian centre.

Recently a young woman coming from Chicago was delighted beyond expression to be accommodated at this Hospice and she expressed in the following words to the House Mother her sentiments: "Oh!" said she, "Will you not please see to it that this lovely, homey place becomes better known in Chicago and throughout the West; tell the pastors of it and all who are interested in the welfare of the girls; this splendid Colonial Homestead with its lovely setting of grass and trees and its genuine Christian atmosphere, its good meals, its large comfortable bedrooms, reading, writing and living rooms and its helpful little song service every evening, is a veritable haven of rest and safety to the tired business girl. Please, let others know about it."

V. Miscellaneous Institutions.

2. *Tabor Home for Children, Doylestown, Pa.*

The object of the founding of the Home was to correlate the work of the orphanage by taking care of needy and destitute children not eligible for admission to the latter institution.

The Home owns a farm of 96 acres, about a mile south of Doylestown, on the Doylestown and Willow Grove pike, readily accessible from Philadelphia by rail or trolley. The buildings were changed sufficiently to adapt them to the needs of the Home, and in 1921 the fine stone barn was remodeled into a dormitory for the larger boys, at a cost of $29,000.

The Home is taking care of 65 to 70 children, who are in direct charge of the matron, Sister Lina Beideck, and her two associate Sisters from the Mary J. Drexel Home and Philadelphia Motherhouse of Deaconesses.

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Children are received from two years up, and given Christian training, with the advantage of a public school on the grounds of the Home for the younger ones, and the higher grades nearby. Boys are discharged at 16 and girls at 18, and every effort is made to equip them, if possible, for the branch of work in which they desire to engage.

3. *The Children's Receiving Home, Maywood, Ill.*

The Children's Receiving Home in Maywood, Ill., was opened in October, 1919, by the Lutheran Woman's League of Chicago and vicinity. The League is inter-synodical and has a membership of 1400 women.

The Home was opened for the purpose of giving temporary care to dependent children of whom we find a great number in the Juvenile Court and elsewhere.

The Home is small, with a capacity of only 18 children, nevertheless we thank God that the League has been able in the past three years to care for 34 boys and 28 girls. Of these 62 children, 12 were infants under 2 years.

Remaining in the Home June 1 there were 24 children.

The League is carrying on a campaign for a Building Fund, and hopes to be able to make room for many more of these Christ's little ones, who look to the Lutheran Woman's League for help.

4. *Tiding Over Home for Children, Gravesend, Brooklyn, N. Y.*

The Tiding Over Home for Children was opened on March 21, 1922, to admit children whose parents were ill or temporarily disabled and needed someone to tide over their children for them.

A place for the care of such children is often imperative for parents or others if they are to come out of their distress permanently.

Our aim is not only to take care of the children as to their needs but to teach them the Word of God and His way to live.

Up to the present we have been able through our ministry to spare the lives of 14 mothers and grandmothers by tiding over the children during illness at home. We were also enabled to strengthen and build up physically a number of other boys and girls who were not sent to us on account of sickness in the home.

Our capacity is but 18. We could take care of many more if there were a place where we could put them. We would be filled to overflowing all the time even if we had a greatly enlarged house.

Many letters of real appreciation of our work have come to us showing that which we are doing to be truly appreciated.

6. *The Artmann Home for Lutherans, Sellersville, Pa.*

The Artmann Home for Lutherans at Sellersville, Pa., was founded three years ago under the will of the late E. R. Artmann. It is a home conducted more on the order of a family than an institution. Lutherans of all ages and both sexes may be admitted, but its guests so far have been limited to elderly ladies only.

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The Home receives no support from any source except its own endowment fund, which is $50,000, and two farms comprising 228 acres of land. The number of guests is therefore limited to the Home's small income. Eight guests are in the Home and the waiting list is growing rapidly.

The building occupied now does not accommodate more than the small number cared for. The Board is however planning for a large work. The need for this kind of Home it is now conducting is greatly felt.

VI. Hospitals.

2. *The Lutheran Hospital of Manhattan, New York City.*

For a century the Lutherans of Manhattan were indebted to other churches or to the city institutions for the hospital care of their sick. Within a few years they have erected a small hospital of their own, having a capacity of one hundred beds which during the past year cared for 773 patients.

The assets of the hospital amount to $213,000 upon which there is an indebtedness of $117,000.

A small number of Lutheran Churches have taken an active interest in the work, but the directors have confidence that others will soon realize the significance and importance of the work and will not permit it to languish for lack of Lutheran support.

VII. Seamen and Immigrant Missions.

1. *The Lutheran Seamen's Mission in the Port of New York.*

The Lutheran Seamen's Mission in the port of New York has reasserted its importance after the war.

The traffic to Great Britain is still overwhelmingly carried in British ships, whereas the war-born American merchant marine has her ships ply mostly to north continental ports, especially in Germany, Danzig, and the Baltic States. Most of the big liners berth in the Hoboken piers. About 50% of the crews speak German. As far as they are religiously interested these men are Lutherans, with a few Roman Catholics in between.

We find that most of the American seamen are of German or Scandinavian parentage, Lutherans also.

The Seamen's Mission waits for the definite location of piers on the New York side to the American and allied German lines before erecting New York headquarters, for which the first funds have been made available.

A working agreement has been entered into between the Seamen's and Emigrant Mission, to make both organizations more efficient. The Missionaries visit all incoming ships; those lying sick in the hospitals are not forgotten; help is extended wherever needed.

The Gospel is preached in the Home where 100 men lodge every night, and about 200 visit the reading room daily. The facilities of the Home include a library and baths.

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The safe keeping of sailor's wages and a mail service very important for the wanderers on the sea form part of the service offered. Entertainments on winter evenings are arranged to bring to the men the spirit of Christian fellowship. They are crowned by the Christmas service and celebration in which nearly every man in port takes part.

In this time of estrangement of large groups of industrial workers from church and religion the Seamen's Mission finds a way to the hearts of the men and we are thankful to find here and there an open ear for the Message of Christ.

2. *Lutheran Emigrants' House Association, New York City.*

The Lutheran Emigrants' House Association, the former well-known "Lutherische Emigrantenhaus" on State Street (founded by the Rev. W. Berkemeier) has removed its offices from 147 West 23rd St., New York City to the Seamen's Mission Building, 64 Hudson St., Hoboken, N. J. Rev. H. Brueckner has been placed in charge of the work since Jan. 1, 1922.

Its activities consist mainly in meeting immigrants and travelers upon the arrival of the transatlantic steamers, sending them to suitable hotels and homes or to the trains which carry them to their final destination. Another branch of the work consists in aiding them to find employment in good positions with respectable people. Efforts are also made to locate lost friends and relatives on this side of the ocean.

The best means for the promotion of the mission work among the immigrants is sought constantly.

During 1920-1921 about 200 cases were handled. While during the last twelve months the number increased to 325. All were transatlantic travelers, many of them United States citizens who were glad that the aid and the benefits offered by the Lutheran Emigrants' House Association were available to them.

VIII. Inner Mission Societies.

2. *Lutheran Inner Mission Society, Pittsburgh, Pa.*

The Lutheran Inner Mission Society, 401 Pittsburgh Life Building, Pittsburgh, Pa., organized 1907, incorporated 1918, governed by an elected Board of 15 members, ministers to an institutional constituency of over 3,500 souls, scattered through 36 charitable, corrective and penal institutions in Alleghany County.

During the year ending April 1 last, 929 services were conducted in hospitals, almshouses, prisons and charitable institutions; and 11,905 bedside visits were reported.

Nine baptisms, 2 marriages, 114 communions, and 2 funerals were conducted. 1727 Bibles and portions, 11,905 tracts and 28,185 church papers and secular magazines were distributed among shut-ins and institutional wards in 17 languages.

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Family welfare department cared for over 260 court wards besides hospital care, legal aid and relief given to many others.

Weekly services were conducted at one of the rescue missions and during the summer open air services were conducted in one of the congested sections of the city.

Student work among over 400 Lutheran students involved meetings, study groups and personal visitation. A student house is to be opened this year.

The summer camp cared for 581 guests and 466 week-end visitors, and sheltered the four-day pastors' retreat attended by 28 pastors. 14 church vacation schools enrolled over 1,200 children taught by 68 workers from 17 congregations. The Training School enrolled 122 students from 28 congregations. A faculty of five instructs in Bible, Lutheranistics, Missions and Religious Education.

Christmas cheer covered 20 institutions and reached 1,300 inmates, patients and shut-ins. The Inner Mission Monthly has over 4,600 subscribers. Two bequests came in during the year. The Womans' Auxiliary has 194 members, meets monthly in sectional meetings, assists in general work and raised $2,380. The Society owns and operates the Hospice and employs five workers who are assisted by over 100 volunteers. The membership of the Society is nearly 4,500.

3. *The Inner Mission Society of the Lutheran Church in New York.*

The Inner Mission Society of the Lutheran Church in New York maintains two city missionaries who preach regularly on Welfare Island where the city institutions are clustered and at the Washington Square Home for Friendless Girls. Also a salaried lay worker and part-time worker who with volunteer assistants have charge of the Christian Service work at the Lutheran Hospital and regularly visit and bring succor to convalescents and other needy cases. The work among prisoners and their families has developed so that at present 65 prisoners' families and 40 former prisoners are under the Society's care.

The Society regularly provides entertainment for the shut-ins in institutions, distributes baskets of food to the poor, and is in constant touch with 50 Hospitals and Homes. It has organized the Church choirs for special Christmas and Easter song services at the hospitals.

The Society owns a farm of over 40 acres, the Wilbur Herrlich Memorial Fresh Air Home, in the operation of which the Brooklyn Inner Mission Society shares and in which 400 children from the tenements are each given a two weeks' outing during the summer. A paid staff of four is supplemented by volunteer workers from the churches.

A Woman's Auxiliary is active and efficient in spreading the Inner Mission spirit among the churches.

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4. *The Inner Mission Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Buffalo, N. Y.*

We wish that we might give a glowing report about our Inner Mission Society, but our organization is still marking time. Since our Superintendent resigned, we have been without a full time worker. Two of our local pastors have given some time to the work. One visits the Ingleside Home regularly and conducts religious services; another visits the County Home.

The Inner Mission spirit of the city, however, is not gone, and we are positive that something surely will be done.

5. *The Inner Mission Society of Baltimore and Vicinity.*

Our work has had a sure growth. Keeping up the work in the hospitals and deepening the lives of those with whom we come in contact is still our first aim.

Court and family welfare work have pressed themselves upon us with force. We have tried to sow the seeds of truth in many hearts and know that it will bring forth fruit. Our pastors have given time and energy for conducting services, catechetical instruction and inspiring their people to help.

The ministry of love has been carried on at the State Sanatorium and at Eudowood, with services and communion. Our young people help largely at Bay View. Many good things are carried by them to the people there. At the city jail and penitentiary regular services are conducted. Work has begun at the Maryland Training School for Boys, and the Maryland Industrial School for Girls. The Exeter St. Rescue Mission for Women, the Florence Crittenden Mission, the Helping Up Mission, Grace and Hope Mission all are avenues through which our people serve. Visits are made and entertainments given at the Home for Incurables, the Aged People's Home, and the Nursery and Child's Hospital.

In addition there is help to arriving families, to needy families here, nursing attention, the distribution of the Message for the Day in hospitals, daily vacation Bible schools, week day religious classes, and much special work.

The Society has suffered a severe loss in the resignation of the superintendent, Rev. H. D. Newcomer. The work goes on through service by volunteers.

6. *The Inner Mission Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Reading and Vicinity.*

The Lutheran Inner Mission Society of Reading and Vicinity was organized in March, 1922. The active membership consists of Lutherans contributing one dollar or more annually.

The business is conducted by a Board of 21 managers, 6 pastors, 6 laywomen, and 9 laymen, who each serve for three years.

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We have begun work in the hospitals of Reading. Weekly visits are made by a pastor to meet Lutheran patients. If they are members of local congregations the case is referred to the pastor. If they have no local membership the Society continues to visit the patient and give any service that may be needed.

The Society has a Hospice Committee that assists Lutheran young women employed in the city to get suitable boarding places in Lutheran families if possible, and if not in such families or boarding houses as have been approved by the Committee.

IX. Deaconess Motherhouse.

1. *The Lutheran Deaconess Motherhouse, Milwaukee, Wis.*

The Lutheran Deaconess Motherhouse at Milwaukee, Wis., is a development out of the activities of the Rev. W. A. Passavant, D.D., who introduced the first deaconesses into America in 1849. It was organized in Milwaukee in 1893. At the present there are 54 Sisters connected with the Motherhouse, 39 being consecrated deaconesses and 15 probationers. The Sisters come from congregations of different Synods; 3 from the Ohio Synod; 3 from the Missouri; 7 from the Wisconsin; 9 from the United Lutheran; 26 from Iowa; 6 from different Synods.

The Institutions affiliated with the Motherhouse are: Milwaukee Hospital and Layton Home at Milwaukee, Wis.; the Passavant Hospital at Pittsburgh, Pa.; the Orphans' Home and Farm School at Zelienople, Pa. and the Home for Epileptics, Rochester, Pa.

Sisters of the Motherhouse are also stationed at the Home for the Aged of the Pittsburgh Synod, Zelineople, Pa. and the Orphans' Home and the Home for the Aged of the Iowa Synod at Toledo, Ohio.

The officers are at present, Rev. H. L. Fritschel, General Director; Rev. August Gruhn, Rector; Sister Catherine Dentzer, Directing Sister.

The Passavant Institutions.

As there is great confusion in the classification of the Passavant institutions it seems best to include the following statement in our report.

"The Institution of Protestant Deaconesses" is the corporate name of an association organized in the year 1850 by Rev. W. A. Passavant, D.D., for the relief of the sick, the care of the orphans, and the exercise of mercy to the unfortunate and destitute. The Association consists of all the consecrated Deaconesses of the Deaconess Motherhouse, in conjunction with a Board of Managers of nine persons. Only Lutherans may become members of the Association.

The Association is not directly connected with any Synod, but co-operates with different Synods in its merciful ministrations. This association has built up and owns the Passavant Hospital, Pittsburgh; the Lutheran Deaconess Motherhouse, Milwaukee; the Milwaukee Hospital, the Layton Home, Milwaukee; the Home for the Care of Epileptics at Rochester,

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Pa.; the Orphans' Home and Farm School at Zelienople, Pa. (recently assigned to a Board of the Pittsburgh Synod). The Passavant Hospital at Chicago is owned and conducted by a subsidiary of this Association.

Respectfully submitted,
E. F. BACHMANN, *President*,
WM. FREAS, *Executive Secretary*.

Dr. Bachmann explained the meaning of the term Inner Mission and the complicated task for which the term stands.

The Rev. Wm. Freas, Secretary-Treasurer, was introduced and spoke of the magnitude of the work and the challenge which it presents. Pastor E. Walter, of the Tabitha Home, spoke especially of that institution and its need of the help of the United Lutheran Church.

The Report was adopted.

The Rev. John Weidley, President of the Board of the National Lutheran Home for the Aged, Washington, D. C., presented the Report of that Board, emphasizing especially the beauty of the work for the aged.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE NATIONAL LUTHERAN HOME FOR THE AGED

I. BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

President.—Rev. John Weidley, D.D., 233 2nd st., S. E., Washington, D. C.

Vice President.—Rev. J. E. Harms, D.D., Hagerstown, Md.

Recording Secretary.—Rev. J. T. Huddle, D.D., 738 11th st., N. W., Washington, D. C.

Corresponding Secretary.—W. H. Finckel, Esq., 918 F Street, N. W. Washington, D. C.

Treasurer.—H. T. Domer, Esq., 727 15th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

Rev. Henry Anstadt, D.D., Chambersburg, Pa.; Rev. Richard Schmidt, Washington, D. C., Rev. F. R. Wagner, D.D., Martinsburg, W. Va.; Rev. J. Luther Frantz, Meyersdale, Pa.; W. K. Butler, M.D., Washington, D. C.; Mr. John H Jones, Hagerstown, Md., Mr. F. W. Kakel, Baltimore, Md.; Mr. George F. Muth, Washington, D. C.; Mr. A. K. Wagner, Washington, D. C.

II. DEATHS.

1. We first call attention to the sad losses we have sustained in the death of three members of the Board of Lady Managers. All of them had been connected with the magagement of the Home since its founding.

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Mrs. Robert Bowdler, of Washington, D. C., died December 21st, 1921. She was a member of Keller Memorial Lutheran Church, Rev. S. T. Nicholas, D.D., pastor. For many years she was the Treasurer of the Board of Lady Managers. In addition to the exacting duties of the office in many ways she showed her interest in and love for the Home.

Mrs. Samuel T. Domer died on February 20th, 1922. She was the widow of the Rev. Samuel T. Domer, D.D., who for more than twenty-five years was pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran congregation, Washington, D. C. The President of the Board of Trustees was invited to assist in the funeral service. Mrs. Domer had been one of the Vice-Presidents of the Board of Lady Managers. She was enthusiastic in her work for the maintenance and welfare of the Home.

Mrs. M. E. Parker died on March 25th, 1922. She was the widow of Mr. J. C. Parker for many years a merchant in the city of Washington. He was also a member of the Board of Trustees. Both of them gave of their time and money to the Home. In her will Mrs. Parker named the Home as one of the beneficiaries.

We wish we had the power to tell with pen the splendid work done by these Christian women during the quarter of a century they were in a very definite way associated with the management of this splendid Home. In recognition of their unselfish service and untiring devotion we herewith record our sincere appreciation.

2. *Deaths in the Home Family*—Mrs. Pauline Vottler, October 28, 1920; Miss Eliza Diehl, July 21, 1921; Mr. Oliver Cressman, March 6, 1921; Mr. Franklin Stecher, October 14, 1921; Mr. Josiah Yorgey, March 31, 1921; Miss Elizabeth Shaffer, November 21, 1921; Mrs. Louisa Fisk, October 21, 1921; Mrs. Salome Thress, February 10, 1921; Mrs. Jerusha Schaeffer, November 12, 1920; Mr. William Hepler, April 23, 1922.

This number is not excessive when we take into account that the best years of their physical strength were spent before they came to the Home. Some of the members reach a high number. The oldest one now in the Home was born on the 26th day of August, 1822. She is blind and a little deaf. If she is living on the 26th day of August, 1922, we are going to have a special birthday celebration for her. The next oldest member is in her 95th year. Her sight is good, her hearing is good, and she maintains an interest in things general.

III. Accessions.

Mrs. Harriet Hauf, Washington, D. C., November 18, 1920.
Mrs. Agnes Crissman, Altoona, Pa., December 6, 1920.
Miss Rebecca J. Gulick, Northumberland, Pa., January 6, 1921.
Miss Clara Gulick, Northumberland, Pa., January 6, 1921.
Miss Ermina J. Kurtz, Waynesboro, Pa., October 14, 1921.
Miss Anna K. Henkel, Baltimore, Md., November 5, 1921.
Miss Elizabeth J. Robinson, Baltimore, Md., January 5, 1922.

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Mrs. Annie B. Fleagle, Hummelstown, Pa., January 16, 1922.
Mr. Amos Rebert, Jefferson, Pa., March 2, 1922.
Mr. Abraham Grubb, Liverpool, Pa., May 4, 1922.

IV. Waiting List.

There are thirteen applicants now on the waiting list, and a number of applications yet to be considered. All of them seem to be worthy. Repeated requests are made if they cannot soon be admitted. We are hindered by lack of room.

V. Withdrawals.

Three members withdrew voluntarily from the Home—Mrs. Anna E. Rizer, Mr. Abraham VanGundy, Rev. Alvin T. Ludwig.

VI. Painting of Living Rooms.

The new building has been in use for seven years. The walls of the living rooms were very sorely in need of paint. There was no money in the treasury to pay for the extra expense. The income from the Church does not pay for more than two-thirds of the actual running expenses. We had to make an appeal to the congregations having members in the Home. There are sixty living rooms. We received money enough to pay for the painting of thirty-four rooms. Twenty-six rooms are yet to be painted.

VII. Special Contributions.

There have been many gifts from individuals, classes, societies and congregations. A legacy of a thousand dollars from a member of the First Lutheran Church, Baltimore, Md., Rev. Ezra K. Bell, D.D., Pastor. A legacy of five hundred dollars from Mr. William H. H. Fisher, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Baltimore, Md., Rev. R. D. Clare, D.D., Pastor. A legacy of five hundred dollars from Mrs. M. E. Parker, Church of the Reformation, Washington, D. C., Rev. John Weidley, Pastor. Mrs. M. E. Norment, daughter of Mrs. Sarah Utermahle, the kind donor of the Home farm, donated the Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners. Money, fruit, vegetables, jellies and clothing were sent by others. A Sunday School class sent fruit and ornamental trees. Automobile trips were given to the aged. Entertainments were conducted. There has been more activity in supplying the means for a pleasant time for the members of the Home this past year than at any previous period. The religious service is not neglected. There is morning and evening prayer. Regular worship every Sunday afternoon in the chapel conducted by the pastors of the Washington Churches. Their choirs and other members of the congregations assist them. The ladies of the Missionary Societies have a mission meeting once every month. Exposition of the Sunday School lesson every Friday evening in charge of a teacher from Keller Memorial Congregation. In addition to the help of Sister Mabel Stanley of the Baltimore Motherhouse, there are two nurses for the aged, Margaret Powers and Alice Pauk. There are two

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physicians on the Home staff. As much as it is in our power the members are cared for spiritually, physically, socially. For the maintenance of the Home, the table, the help, the light, the heat, the water, the coal, the farm, it costs us one dollar per day per member.

VIII. Acknowledgments.

The Board is truly grateful to the United Lutheran Church in America for its support, though it gave us but sixty-seven per cent. of the amount promised in the budget. To the societies, congregations and individual contributors we offer our thanks. Every gift, no matter how small, is heartily appreciated. Special mention must be made of the sustained interest of the Board of Lady Managers. The register of their names and officers appears elsewhere in this report. To the Church at large we commend the interest of the Home. The Home is an answer to prayer. Its worth has been recognized. We invite your help, gifts in money, clothing, canned goods, fruits, vegetables, toweling, soap, books, magazines, legacies, annuities. When you visit the beautiful city of Washington, D. C., the pride of every American, the cynosure of the nations of the world: when your heart thrills as you think of your national blessings, let your joy be made complete by a visit to the Home which you help to support, and which is a child of your Church.

IX. Executive Committee.

The minutes of the Recording Secretary indicate the work done by the Executive Committee, composed of the members of the Board of Trustees resident in the city of Washington. They give their time and service gratuitously. The duties sometimes are exacting but are a cheerful response to the appeal of the helpless who ask for creature-comforts when the evening of life has come.

Acousticon.

Through the kindness of the Sunday Schools of the Lutheran Churches of Washington, D. C., an acousticon was erected in the chapel for the benefit of the members who are more or less deaf.

Respectfully,

John Weidley, *President.*

Washington, D. C., May 8, 1922.

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REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE NATIONAL LUTHERAN HOME FOR THE AGED, WASHINGTON, D. C., FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDED JULY 31, 1922

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

for the Year ended 31st July, 1921.

RECEIPTS.

	General Fund	Legacy and Trust Fund	New Building Fund
United Lutheran Church	$13,427.44	$.....	$.....
District of Columbia, land condemned for extension of 17th and Bryant streets	2,529.95	.....	.....
Inmates of Home	.....	1,986.97	
Death Benefits, Oliver H. Cressman	.....	449.90	
Life Insurance, Emma Shuler	.....	45.20	
Collection of Welsh Note	1,000.00	.....	.....
Admission Fees	850.00	.....	.....
Donations	415.97	.....	200.00
Sale of Farm Products	25.00	.....	.....
Sale of Post Cards	26.40	.....	.....
Income from Securities, etc.	265.81	.....	.....
Bank Interest	48.46	.....	.....
	$18,589.03	$2,482.07	$200.00

DISBURSEMENTS.

Board of Lady Managers for Domestic Expenses	$6,600.00	$.....	$.....
Farm Labor and Expenses	2,781.83	.....	.....
Gas, Electricity and Fuel	2,333.25	.....	.....
Engineer's Wages	900.00	.....	.....
Medical and Nursing Expense	2,309.52	.....	.....
Religious Services	265.00	.....	.....
Funeral Expenses	564.78	.....	.....
New Barn	2,142.46	.....	.....
Repairs to Buildings, Plumbing, etc.	456.36	.....	.....
Washing Machine, Rugs and Chairs	1,000.62	.....	.....
Interest, as annexed	25.00	924.13	.....
Withdrawn by Inmates	.....	2,093.00	.....
Salary of President	250.00	.....	.....
Salary of Treasurer	500.00	.....	.....
Expenses of Board Meetings	40.42	.....	.....
Legal and Auditing Expense	322.00	.....	.....
Printing, Stationery and Postage	192.69	.....	.....
Telephone	157.05	.....	.....
Insurance	38.60	.....	.....
Taxes and Water Rent	114.72	.....	.....
General Expenses	79.21	.....	.....
	$21,073.51	$3,017.13	.....
Excess or *Deficit* of Receipts	*$2,484.48*	*$535.06*	$200.00

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RECONCILEMENT OF CASH

for the Year ended 31st July, 1921.

Balance, August 1, 1920	$ 5,397.98
Add, Receipts as above	21,271.10
	$26,669.08
Deduct, Disbursements as above	24,090.64
Balance, July 31, 1921	$2,578.44

INTEREST PAID

for the year ended 31st July, 1921.

Mrs. Anna E. Riser	$151.61
Rev. Alvin T. Ludwig	118.58
Dr. M. B. Croll	104.86
W. M. Hepler	66.00
Mrs. Frances E. K. Dirgman	60.00
Franklin Z. Stecher	65.25
Oliver H. Cressman	24.00
Mrs. Laura J. Minnigh	33.00
Mrs. Catherine A. Conrad	39.04
J. H. Yorgey	15.00
Mrs. C. C. Yutzy	24.34
Mrs. Alice L. Killinger	18.00
Miss H. Annie Peters	18.00
Miss Elizabeth H. Rullman	18.00
Mrs. Anna C. Bell	17.16
Miss Agnes C. Keagey	16.32
Mrs. Elizabeth Campbell	18.84
Miss Elizabeth Shaffer	15.00
Mrs. Regina Holland	26.54
Mrs. Elizabeth E. Fair	11.45
Mrs. Eliza J. Diehl	6.54
Mrs. Elizabeth Eschenauer	6.00
Mrs. Mary A. Kistner	6.00
Miss A. Isabella Ziegler	5.42
Mrs. Dora L. Summers	4.70
Mrs. Sarah Schutz	3.60
Miss Louisa Smith	3.58
Miss Elizabeth Ringer	3.00
Miss Catherine Chamberlain	3.00
Miss Alice Eppley	3.00
Mrs. Lydia M. Copland	15.00
John W. Crismore	1.80
Miss Rebecca Gulick	1.50
Interest paid on Investments of Guests	$924.13
Annuity Interest, Mrs. Anna Ehrehart	25.00
Total Interest Paid	$949.13

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RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

for the Year ended 31st July, 1922.

RECEIPTS.

	General Fund	Legacy and Trust Fund
United Lutheran Church, on apportionment	$12,438.80	.....
District of Columbia, land condemned for Public School	2,954.23	.....
Inmates of Home	.....	$4,562.63
Acousticon Fund	30.00	.....
Collection on Cunningham Note	.....	500.00
Proceeds of sale of Property held as collateral for Cunningham Note	218.14	.....
Admission Fees	1,098.24	.....
Donations, General	1,673.26	.....
Donations for Room Renovations	1,233.00	.....
Sale of Farm Products	33.20	.....
Sale of Post Cards	29.85	.....
Income from Securities, etc.	174.34	.....
Bank Interest	48.80	.....
	$19,931.86	$5,062.63

DISBURSEMENTS.

Board of Lady Managers for Domestic Expenses	$6,600.00	.....
Farm Labor and Expenses	3,020.32	.....
Gas, Electricity and Fuel	1,939.43	.....
Engineer's Wages	900.00	.....
Medical and Nursing Expense	2,235.54	.....
Religious Services	230.00	.....
Funeral Expenses	724.42	.....
Granite Cross and Markers at Cemetery	825.00	.....
New Barn	822.08	.....
Repairs to Buildings, Plumbing, etc.	763.14	.....
Renovation of Rooms	1,265.00	.....
Purchase of File and Lamp	42.45	.....
Interest, as annexed	705.05	.....
Withdrawn by Inmates	.....	$1,515.45
Salary of President	250.00	.....
Salary of Treasurer	500.00	.....
Expenses of Board Meetings	39.85	.....
Legal and Auditing Expense	170.29	.....
Printing, Stationery and Postage	98.09	.....
Telephone	167.17	.....
Insurance	49.40	.....
Taxes and Water Rent	120.35	.....
General Expenses	196.72	.....
	$21,664.30	$1,515.45
Excess or *Deficit* of Receipts	*$1,732.44*	$3,547.18

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RECONCILEMENT OF CASH

for the Year ended 31st July, 1922.

Balance, August 1, 1921	$2,578.44
Add, Receipts as above	24,994.49
	$27,572.93
Deduct, Disbursements as above	23,179.75
Balance, July 31, 1922	$4,393.18

INTEREST PAID

for the Year ended 31st July, 1922.

Rev. Alvin T. Ludwig	$60.25
Dr. M. B. Croll	108.04
W. M. Hepler	66.00
Frances E. R. Dingman	60.00
Regina Holland	37.87
Laura J. Minnigh	33.00
Catherine A. Conrad	39.04
C. C. Yutzy	24.70
Alice L. Kellinger	18.00
Fannie Peters	18.00
Elizabeth F. Rullman	18.00
Anna C. Bell	17.16
Agnes C. Keagey	18.14
Elizabeth Campbell	18.84
Lydia M. Copland	15.00
Elizabeth E. Fair	11.50
Elizabeth Eschenauer	6.00
Mary A. Kistner	6.00
Katherine Henkel	12.40
A. Isabella Ziegler	5.42
Dora L. Summers	4.70
Sarah Schultz	3.60
John W. Crismore	3.60
Louisa Smith	3.58
Elizabeth Ringer	3.00
Rebecca Gulick	43.51
Catherine Chamberlain	3.00
Alice Eppley	3.00
Catherine E. Caufman	2.20
Annie B. G. Fleagle	7.50
Elizabeth J. Robinson	9.00
Interest paid on Investments of Guests	$680.05
Annuity Interest, Mrs. Anna Ehrehart	25.00
Total Interest Paid	$705.05

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BALANCE SHEET

31st July, 1922.

ASSETS.

Cash:			
Home Savings Bank		$2,872.77	
Columbia National Bank		1,223.54	
Washington Loan and Trust Co.		296.87	
			$4,393.18
Securities, at ledger values:			
U. S. Government Securities:			
$50 First Liberty Loan 3½s	$50.00		
650 Second Liberty Loan 4¼s	650.00		
100 Third Liberty Loan 4¼s	100.00		
10 War Savings Stamps	10.00		
		$810.00	
Other Securities:			
$500 Masonic Hall Association of D. C. 4s, 1924	$500.00		
500 Milford Improvement Co. 5s 1930	500.00		
1,000 United Railways and Electric Co. of Baltimore 4s, 1949	1,000.00		
4 Shares B. & O. Common Stock	400.00		
9 Shares American Tel. & Tel. Co. Common Stock	900.00		
		3,300.00	
Note:			
V. Winifred Cunningham, July 16, 1909, due July 16, 1911, 5 pct., defaulted. (Secured by Deed of Trust on Washington Real Estate)		2,000.00	
			6,110.00
Real Estate, etc.:			
Grundy County Tract, Tennessee		$200.00	
National Lutheran Home Property, Washington, D. C.		27,598.00	
New Building		91,555.64	
Farmer's Cottage		3,000.00	
New Barn		2,000.00	
Bedford, Pa., share of Fetterly Bequest		1,606.83	
			125,960.47
			$136,463.65

FUNDS.

Legacy and Trust Fund	$47,632.74	
New Building Fund	91,955.64	
	$139,588.38	
Less, General Fund Deficit	*3,124.73*	
		$136,463.65

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY T. DOMER,
Treasurer.

Philadelphia, 30th August, 1922.

We have audited the accounts of the Board of the National Lutheran Home for the Aged, Washington, D. C., for the two years ended 31st July, 1922, and we certify that the foregoing Balance Sheet, Receipts and Dis-

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bursements, etc., are in accordance with the books of account and are correct.

LYBRAND, ROSS BROS. & MONTGOMERY,
Accountants and Auditors.

The Report was adopted.

The Report of the Board of Deaconess Work was presented by the Rev. L. M. Zimmerman, President of the Board. He emphasized the dignity of the calling of the deaconess.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DEACONESS WORK

The Board of Deaconess Work would respectfully present the following report, for the biennium closing July 31, 1922.

The Board met on November 9, 1920, in the Mary J. Drexel Home and Motherhouse of Deaconesses at Philadelphia. Rev. W. H. Dunbar, D.D., was elected Honorary President; Rev. L. M. Zimmerman, D.D., President; Rev. G. Albert Getty, D.D., Vice President; Rev. Charles E. Hay, D.D., General Secretary; Frederick J. Singley, Esq., Treasurer.

On December 24, 1920, Doctor Dunbar, who was the first Pastor of the Motherhouse, and who had been in continuous service as the President of the Board until his election in 1920 as Honorary President, was called to his eternal reward. His wise counsel and his influence in the Church at large contributed much to the permanent establishment of the deaconess work in the General Synod and its co-ordination with that of the other American Lutheran motherhouses. Rev. J. Luther Hoffman was elected to fill the unexpired term of Doctor Dunbar upon the Board and its Executive Committee.

I. GENERAL EFFORTS.

The Deaconess Cause has been presented by the General Secretary, members of the Board and the pastors of the motherhouses at many synodical conventions, women's missionary societies and educational institutions. Our deaconesses have cheerfully responded to invitations to speak upon the basis of their personal experience in the work. Mrs. W. P. M. Braun, the Deaconess Secretary of the General Women's Missionary Society, and the deaconess secretaries of the various synodical societies have shown commendable zeal in the dissemination of literature and the securing of candidates.

Early in January, 1920, a circular letter was addressed to all pastors of the United Lutheran Church, requesting them to send to the pastors of either of the three motherhouses co-operating upon our territory the names of young women to whom deaconess literature might be addressed in the hope of interesting them personally in the calling. Nearly 2,000 names were received in response and to each of these a personal letter and appropriate leaflets were sent.

A large edition of a tract entitled "Deaconess Catechism" was published and distributed, two full-page and a number of smaller advertisements

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inserted in *The Lutheran* from time to time and three original oil paintings, 28x42 inches in size, were secured from Professor Lesshafft of Philadelphia, the cost being equally divided between the Philadelphia and Baltimore motherhouses. These paintings illustrate three of the leading departments of deaconess service, i. e., nursing, teaching and parish work. The deaconess in each case is depicted in the garb of one of the three motherhouses at Philadelphia, Baltimore and Milwaukee.

These efforts have not been without immediate results and it may be expected that fruits of the abundant sowing may continue to be reaped for years to come.

A unique feature of the Board's activity was the consecration of a colored woman, Sister Emma Francis, as a deaconess of the United Lutheran Church. She is a cultured woman, a native of the Virgin Islands, trained in a German motherhouse and laboring efficiently in the Virgin Islands under Danish supervision. Upon the request of the Board, she was enrolled temporarily as a member of the Philadelphia Motherhouse and by it assigned for duty among people of her own race in the Harlem district of New York City. With the co-operation of the West Indies Board, it is hoped that the beginning thus made may lead at an early day to the establishment by the Board of a motherhouse for colored deaconesses.

II. The Baltimore Motherhouse.

As the Baltimore Motherhouse is owned and directly controlled by the United Lutheran Church, we present a somewhat detailed account of its activities.

Courses of Training.

The course of training for the deaconess calling, the one-year course for Christian workers, and the kindergarten course have been regularly conducted. At the end of the first year of the biennium, Dr. Foster U. Gift resigned as Acting Superintendent of Instruction and his special duties were assumed by the Pastor and Training Sister. He continued, however, to conduct two weekly classes. The Pastor has taught several hours weekly and regular classroom instruction has been given by Dr. S. J. McDowell, Rev. Henry Manken, Dr. George S. Bowers, Rev. C. J. Hines, the Head Sister, Training Sister and Mrs. C. E. Hay. Special lectures or courses of lectures have been given by Drs. L. M. Zimmerman, F. P. Manhart, E. H. Delk, F. H. Knubel, A. S. Hartman, L. B. Wolf, J. F. Ohl, E. K. Bell, U. S. G. Rupp, C. F. Steck, L. Kuhlman and A. Pohlman and by Revs. I. C. Hoffman, W. S. Freas, P. Z. Strodach and P. I. Morentz, and by Mrs. C. E. Hay and several experienced deaconesses.

Drs. J. B. Culverhouse, George Bawden and Eugene Zeller have conducted regular weekly classes. Dr. Charles E. Sadtler has given faithful medical attendance, and Dr. John B. Deaver of Philadelphia and Dr. A. D. McConachie have performed several surgical operations very successfully and without charge. Dr. George Loeffler has rendered dental service upon very generous terms.

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Dr. Foster U. Gift has been elected Superintendent of Instruction and Associate Pastor, entering upon the duties of the office on July 1, 1922. The general direction of the educational work of the institution will be under his supervision. The services of a number of the teachers will be retained. A model school of religious instruction for children will be conducted in the lecture room of Calvary Lutheran Church, in which the candidates and students will have the privilege of observation and participation in teaching.

The Motherhouse will co-operate to the fullest possible extent with the Parish and Church School Board in promoting the system of weekday religious instruction throughout the Church. The regular course of training will embrace preparation for this and Doctor Gift will cheerfully render assistance to congregations desiring to establish such courses.

Ten probationers have received the benefit of practical experience in nursing in the Lankenau Hospital at Philadelphia, two in the Church Home of Baltimore, and four in the Maryland General Hospital of Baltimore.

An Industrial School has been conducted in the Motherhouse every Saturday afternoon and a daily Christian Kindergarten. Five students have specialized in kindergarten work, receiving technical instruction and participating regularly in the teaching of the children.

Consecrations.

Miss Rose Barbour, a former Sister of the Milwaukee Motherhouse having withdrawn from the diaconate and labored for several years under other auspices, was, with the full consent of the Milwaukee Motherhouse, consecrated at a special service on September 9, 1921. On April 25, 1922, Sisters Bessie Engstrom and Theodora Schmidt were consecrated, after addresses by Rev. J. L. Hoffman and Rev. E. W. Simon, D.D.

Number of Sisters.

There are at present 42 consecrated Sisters and 17 probationers in regular connection with the Motherhouse, being an increase of 10 within the biennium.

Work of the Sisters.

Parish work has been done within the biennium in 26 congregations, as follows: Christ, St. John's and Atonement, New York City; Zion, Syracuse, N. Y.; First Albany, N. Y.; Redeemer, Jersey City, N. J.; St. Matthew's and Messiah, Philadelphia, Pa.; Memorial, Harrisburg, Pa.; Zion, York, Pa.; St. Peter's, Middletown, Pa.; Zion, Sunbury, Pa.; St. Luke's, Cumberland, Md.; Trinity, Hagerstown, Md.; Reformation, Christ and First, Baltimore; Trinity, Canton, O.; Trinity, Akron, O.; First, Wheeling, W. Va.; First, Richmond, Va.; St. John's, Charleston, S. C.; St. Stephen's, Pittsburgh; First, New Kensington, Pa.; St. John's, Allentown, Pa.; First, Johnstown, Pa.

Two Sisters are laboring in Tabitha Home, Lincoln, Neb.; one, in the National Lutheran Home for the Aged, Washington, D. C.; one, in the Orphans' Home, Loysville, Pa.; one, in the Franke Home for the Aged,

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Charleston, S. C. One is conducting the Lutheran Settlement House in Philadelphia. One is in charge of the Girls' Hospice, Baltimore. One is Visitor of the Inner Mission Society of Baltimore among the hospitals and poor of the city. Three are serving in Muhlenberg Mission in Africa. One is in the Virgin Islands.

Special Students.

Twenty-four young women have been enrolled in the One Year Course for Christian Workers, five of whom elected the Kindergarten Course, and three of whom returned as candidates for the diaconate.

Gifts.

A bequest of $135 was received from the estate of Mrs. L. L. Foose, of Altoona, Pa., and a number of substantial contributions from individuals, congregations and Sunday Schools.

Conflagration.

At 2 A. M. on the morning of April 13th, a sudden fire of unknown origin utterly destroyed the barn and poultry house and so seriously damaged the engineer's residence as to compel its abandonment. The actual loss was almost entirely covered by insurance. The buildings are being replaced at much greater expense than the original cost, but in more permanent shape.

Repairs, Etc.

The sewerage system of the city having been extended to our property, it was necessary to make connection with the Motherhouse and both cottages upon the grounds. The cottage formerly rented was thoroughly renovated and prepared as a residence for the Superintendent of Instruction, and the exterior of the Motherhouse was painted.

III. The Philadelphia Motherhouse.

Though the oldest and largest Motherhouse in this country, the "Mary J. Drexel Home and Philadelphia Motherhouse of Deaconesses"—this is its full corporate title—is not yet as well known with its history, work, principles and place in the Church as is desirable and necessary for wholehearted co-operation on the part of the entire United Lutheran Church. Attention having been called to this fact, the Board of this Motherhouse presented a "Memorandum" to the Board of Deaconess Work, reciting the provisions of the charter and the actions of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania and of the former General Council, which made this Motherhouse the Motherhouse of the General Council. The merger has made it a Motherhouse of the United Lutheran Church. By action of the Board of Deaconess Work said Memorandum is added to the report of this Board for the thorough information of all interested. Having all the obligations and privileges of a Motherhouse of the United Lutheran Church, a fact taken for granted and therefore not even referred to in any previous report to

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this body, the Philadelphia Motherhouse, before reporting on its work, desires to state briefly its policy:

1. Young women devoting themselves to the diaconate are to receive the most thorough training possible for their work, irrespective of time or expense, whether they be probationers or deaconesses.

2. All labor is honorable, but only such physical labor is to be done by Sisters which is necessary for their training or which cannot well be entrusted to paid workers.

3. The Motherhouse must constantly aim at a reasonable variety of work to make possible broad training and the development and use of whatever special talents a Sister may have, be it for teaching, nursing, institutional, congregational, or social work.

4. The Sisters must share in the management of the Motherhouse and its affairs, not merely through the Directing Sister who like the Pastor is a voting member of the Board of Trustees, but also through the Sisters' Council, unless questions affecting the Sisterhood are directly submitted to the Sisters' Conference, the entire body of Deaconesses.

5. The essentials of the diaconate must ever remain in full harmony with the essentials of true discipleship of Christ. Non-essentials which have proven their value in the past, should be faithfully preserved. To demands of the present day, the female diaconate must adjust itself, unless fundamental interests be thereby jeopardized. The decision of such questions should rest with those who are actually engaged in the diaconate.

6. The Motherhouse is pledged to the fullest co-operation with the organized Church, her Boards, her institutions and her congregations, and must strive to secure and train young women for every phase of work in which deaconesses may be able to render effective service.

These principles of the Philadelphia Motherhouse underlie its policy, which from the beginning has stood for *service*. Already in 1888, at the dedication of the magnificent building erected by the founder, the late John D. Lankenau, Sisters were in training here for the Swedish Motherhouse to be founded in Omaha. The same service was rendered later when the Baltimore Motherhouse was organized, marking the beginning of co-operation in the practical training of its Sisters continued to this day. Sisters for other demoninations have spent months at the Motherhouse and courses have been given to missionaries, kindergartners, and other Christian workers. The further development of this service will depend almost entirely on the co-operation of the Church, especially by furnishing qualified young women in sufficient number.

Of the most important facts and of the many events affecting the life and work of the Motherhouse during the past biennium, space permits only a summary reference to a few of general interest.

1. *The Management*—The charter provides for a self-perpetuating Board of Trustees of nine members, together with the Pastor and the Directing

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Sister as voting members "ex officio." By later requests of the Board, the Ministerium of Pennsylvania through its President appoints two representatives and the Board of Deaconess Work of the United Lutheran Church, one representative, who participate in the proceedings as advisory members and also act on special committees. Questions directly affecting the Sisterhood are referred to the Sisters' Conference to which all deaconesses belong, acting in minor matters through the Sisters' Council, elected by the Conference and meeting with the Directing Sister and the Pastor. Mr. William P. M. Braun is President of the Corporation.

2. *The Sisterhood* numbers seventy Deaconesses and seventeen Probationers; total eighty-seven.

3. *The Work*—A. *Hospital*—at our Children's Hospital, the Lankenau Hospital of Philadelphia and the Zurbrugg Memorial Hospital of Riverside, N. J., having annually a total of more than 4,500 house-patients and over 13,000 dispensary cases with over 60,000 visits. In this connection considerable social work is done by Sisters and salaried workers. Here we must also add the Kensington Dispensary for the Treatment of Tuberculosis, having usually about two hundred patients under treatment.

B. *Institutional—for the Aged*—the Mary J. Drexel Home with fifty, and St. John's Home, Erie, Pa., with thirty men and women; *for Children*—the Tabor Home, near Doylestown, Pa., for seventy destitute boys and girls, and the Preventorium River Crest, near Phoenixville, Pa., accommodating about twenty-five children at a time, who are threatened by tuberculosis.

C. *Educational*—The Lankenau School for Girls with ninety boarding and fifty day pupils in a twelve-year course of elementary, grammar and high school education, taught by a faculty of eighteen, of whom eight are Sisters. This school is accredited and has alumnae in several colleges and universities, though it aims to give a well balanced general Christian education rather than special preparation for collegiate courses.—The Kindergarten, with not less than fifty children enrolled, conducted by one of our Sisters who also trains Kindergarten teachers.

D. *Congregational*—in Zion's and in Tabor Church, Philadelphia; St. Paul's, New York City; St. John's, Easton, Pa.; St. John's, Erie, Pa.; and beginning with October 1st, in Holy Trinity, Norristown, Pa.

4. *Publications*—From 1888 until 1920 "Der Diakonissen Freund" was published monthly; since then quarterly. Since January 1922 "The Deaconess Messenger," a revival of "The Messenger," published for a short time over thirty years ago, has appeared as a quarterly. The former is still an important link between this Motherhouse and other Motherhouses of the Kaiserswerth Conference, while the latter is meeting the demand of many friends in our own land. Several leaflets published recently are found among the literature on the diaconate at this convention.

5. *A New Course*—Yielding to repeated and urgent requests, the Motherhouse has consented to arrange a two-year course for a limited number of young women desiring to train for Christian service without becoming

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deaconesses. The course is to begin this fall in connection with the course for candidates for the diaconate.

6. *Needs*—A. *Workers*—There will ever be a shortage of thoroughly consecrated and capable deaconesses among us, even as such a shortage is one of the burdens of the motherhouses abroad, though some of them have over a thousand Sisters. This shortage in the face of an overwhelming task, is one of the means by which the Lord keeps us humble, and exercises our faith and our ingenuity in trying to meet an excessive demand with an insufficient supply. We would cheerfully continue our efforts to solve this quite impossible problem, were it not for two facts: 1. *The Church now is and will remain seriously handicapped* in her God-given task in the world *until the diaconate has found a fairly adequate development;* and 2. *talented and consecrated young women,* desiring to make the most of their life, *are missing one of the greatest opportunities* to contribute directly to the advancement of God's Kingdom, *by neglecting the diaconate.* Realizing these facts, the soul is filled with sadness, but also with a burning zeal for this cause.

B. *Finances*—The receipts from all sources for the biennium 1920 and 1921 were $154,842.67, the disbursements $160,067.19; a deficit of $5,224.52, due chiefly to the increased cost of maintenance and of labor. The Board of Trustees gratefully acknowledge the apportionment of $5,000 annually granted by the last convention, of which amount $4,000 were received in 1920 and $3,000 in 1921 from the Treasurer of the Deaconess Board. The accounts of the Treasurer are audited by the same public accountants engaged for such purpose by the United Lutheran Church.

7. *Important Events.*—A consecration service was held on Pentecost 1921, when five Probationers were set apart as Deaconesses, and another in 1922 when eight others were added, making the total of Deaconesses seventy. The Motherhouse welcomes the action of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania taken at its recent convention, looking forward to official representation at the consecration services.

At Easter, 1921, there were two candidates admitted as Probationers and on June 28, 1922, there were six, giving the Motherhouse a total of seventeen Probationers.

The Lord called to their eternal home three of our oldest Sisters. 1. On October 16, 1921, Sister Marie Sowa, at the age of 59, departed this life after thirty-five years of service. For many years she was the superintendent of the hospital at Easton, Pa., which, under her efficient management, enjoyed the fullest confidence of the public and the medical profession and experienced a most gratifying development. 2. Sister Emilie Schwartz, who died September 9, 1921, age 76, entered the service in 1889 to become the first Principal of our School for Girls. Later she was for two years Directing Sister and then Training Sister. She was a woman of rare culture of heart and mind. 3. Sister Wilhelmine Dittmann, a Deaconess for over fifty years, passed away on January 25, 1922, at the age of 73. She was one

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of the original group of seven Deaconesses who came to Philadelphia on June 19, 1884, from Iserlohn, Germany, to take charge of the German Hospital. The Lord used this group to make the successful beginning of Lutheran Deaconess work in this country. During the last thirteen years of her life Sister Wilhelmine was the Directing Sister of our Motherhouse and as such wielded a powerful influence. Her life was indeed hidden with God. Her fine mind, wide experience, excellent memory and thorough consecration made her a rich source of information on all questions pertaining to the diaconate and a most valuable adviser in the face of problems. The memory of these Sisters, each one of whom wielded unusual influence in the lives of others, is blessed and will remain in many ways an inspiration to those who had the privilege to know them.

The new Directing Sister, Deaconess Julia Mergner, was installed in her office at the consecration service held on the afternoon of Pentecost, June 4th, 1922. Daughter of a pastor in the Lutheran Church in Bavaria, trained at the celebrated Motherhouse in Neuendettelsau, experienced as a Training Sister of the Philadelphia Motherhouse and as the Principal of our School for Girls, she inspires the fullest confidence of all who labor with her for the advancement of the diaconate in general and of the interests of the Philadelphia Motherhouse in particular. God grant the many prayers and good wishes expressed by officials of the Church, by Motherhouses and by many other friends on the occasion of her installation. From this event also dates the change of the official title from "Sister Superior" to "Directing Sister."

Sister Margaret Schueder, for fully twenty-five years a member of the faculty, and a most successful teacher, is now in charge of the Lankenau School.

Two of the Deaconesses are enrolled as regular students in Temple College, Philadelphia, the one in the course of pharmacy, the other in the teachers' course for dietitians. Two of the teaching Sisters took special courses at State College this summer.

Co-operation with the West Indies Mission Board was inaugurated with the consecration of Sister Emma Francis on Pentecost and her enrollment as a Sister of the Philadelphia Motherhouse until a special Motherhouse for deaconesses of her own people can be organized under the Deaconess Board of the United Lutheran Church. To aid further in this work, the Philadelphia Motherhouse is prepared to admit two young women selected by the West Indies Board for a one year's course of instruction and training. This was made possible by the favorable action on this question by the Probationers as well as by the Deaconesses of the Motherhouse who recognize in this situation an opportunity for the exercise of Christian brotherhood and for a contribution to real missionary work.

8. *Relation to the United Lutheran Church.*—The Board of Trustees of the Mary J. Drexel Home and Philadelphia Motherhouse of Deaconesses

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at its regular meeting on April 19th, 1922, instructed its secretary to present to the Board of Deaconess Work of the United Lutheran Church a statement setting forth the relation of said Motherhouse to the United Lutheran Church, believing that such a statement would be not only of historical interest to the Board of Deaconess Work, but also aid this Board in whatever action it may in the future see fit to take affecting the Philadelphia Motherhouse or the Deaconess Work of the Church in general.

The Mary J. Drexel Home and Philadelphia Motherhouse of Deaconesses is incorporated under the laws of the State of Pennsylvania. Its charter was filed on November 7, 1887, and approved and recorded on December 12, 1887, in the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia.

Article II of this Charter Reads:

II. The purposes for which this corporation is formed:

1. To establish, maintain and manage a home for the reception and support of well recommended, well behaved, perfectly sober and respectable aged couples, and aged single men and women, of German birth or descent, not suffering from any obnoxious or contagious diseases.

2. To establish, maintain and manage a Motherhouse or Institute for the maintenance, religious instruction and education of Deaconesses, who shall be members of the Lutheran Church, in accord with the faith, doctrine, discipline and usage of the Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and adjacent States, and

3. To execute all trusts confided to it, for either or both of the purposes aforesaid.

Article VI Reads:

The corporation is to be managed by a board of nine trustees or managers, which shall be composed of all the corporators. The names and residences of those chosen for the first year are as above stated. All members of said Board shall adhere to the faith, and at least four of them shall be ministers of the Lutheran Church, recognized by the Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and adjacent States. Three members of said Board shall also be members of the Board of Trustees of the German Hospital of the City of Philadelphia. Whenever any vacancy shall occur the remaining members shall proceed, within a reasonable time, to fill such vacancy by election of a person duly qualified.

In March, 1893, Section 2 of Article II of the Charter was amended so that the closing clause reads: "in accordance with the faith, doctrine, discipline and usage of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America."

Section 3, Article III, was amended so that "the corporation shall prosecute its aforesaid objects in the City of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, or in other States, if required.

The third sentence of Article VI was amended to read:

"All members of said Board shall adhere to the faith, and three of them

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shall be ministers of the Lutheran Church, recognized by the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America."

This action was taken to assure a close relation to the General Council as well as to the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, though its founder never asked nor received any financial assistance from these bodies.

The By-Laws provide in 33, that the Pastor must be a member of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, even as the Motherhouse from the very beginning was closely connected with the Ministerium, which requires the Pastor to submit a report at its annual convention. For some years before the merger this Ministerium has had two officially appointed advisory members on the Board of the Motherhouse, assuring the closest possible cooperation of both bodies.

The General Council took the first official notice of the diaconate, at its convention in Philadelphia in 1885, by adjourning an hour before the usual time on Monday afternoon and visiting "in corpore" the German Hospital, to which that group of seven Sisters from Iserlohn, Germany, had come on June 19, 1884. All rejoiced in the purpose of Mr. John D. Lankenau to found a Deaconess Motherhouse.

At its convention in Chicago in 1886, the General Council adopted the recommendation of the Committee on the President's report, instructing the Vice Presidents of the General Council (i. e., the Presidents of Synods) to call the attention of the Pastors and congregations to this cause, in order to interest them in the support of the same by sending contributions and candidates.

In 1889 the Pittsburgh Convention of the General Council resolved "to authorize its Home Mission Committee to devote regularly a certain space in 'Siloah,' the official paper of said Board, to the deaconess cause, provided the Board of the Philadelphia Motherhouse consent, so that this paper become the organ of this cause."

In 1891 the General Council resolved "that the General Council earnestly commends the deaconess cause and is grateful to God for the progress it is making, that our pastors be requested to preach on the subject, explaining the nature and the value of the work, with a view of securing probationers for our existing institutions in Philadelphia and Omaha."

Since 1893 the General Council had a standing committee on Deaconess Work.

The General Council at its convention in Minneapolis in 1909, adopted the following resolution:

"Resolved. 1. That the General Council extends to the Philadelphia Motherhouse of Deaconesses its hearty congratulations on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the arrival of its first Sisters from Germany, and thereby gives official recognition of the importance of the diaconate for our Church in this country.

2. That our pastors be requested to present the Deaconess cause to their congregations, particularly the Young People's Societies, before the close of this anniversary year, and that the Philadelphia Motherhouse of Deaconesses be urged to furnish the necessary historical data to every pastor of the General Council.

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The following convention, held in Toledo in 1913, designated "Septuagesima Sunday as especially adapted to call the attention of their congregations to the great importance of the female diaconate."

In 1915, at the convention in Rock Island, the question having been raised by the Committee on Deaconess Work, "whether these two Motherhouses (Philadelphia and Milwaukee) in consecrating their Sisters are setting them apart for the Lord's service in the name and by authority of the Church or not," the following recommendation was unanimously adopted:

"Resolved, That the General Council hereby interprets the repeated recommendations of the deaconess cause since 1886 and the appointment of a standing committee on Deaconess Work since 1893, as the official recognition of the female diaconate in the organization of the Church."

From the foregoing it is evident, therefore, that when the merger took place in 1918, the General Council brought into the United Lutheran Church the Philadelphia Motherhouse as its own Motherhouse of Deaconesses, making the Philadelphia Motherhouse in the full sense of the term a Motherhouse of the United Lutheran Church, with all the obligations and privileges implied thereby.

This relationship to the United Lutheran Church has also been recognized by the Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church of which the last President of the General Council, the late Dr. Theodore E. Schmauck, was a member as well as the President of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, the Rev. Dr. H. A. Weller, when the appeal for an appropriation for the Philadelphia Motherhouse was granted and such item included in the first budget of the United Lutheran Church in January, 1919.

That the Philadelphia Motherhouse is an integral part of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania and thereby of the United Lutheran Church, is also evident from the fact that the Motherhouse is regularly apportioned as any other congregation, being asked to contribute $920.00 for the present synodical year. It is not necessary to speak in this connection of the manifold services this Motherhouse has rendered to the Church in various fields of labor.

As the Philadelphia Motherhouse is operated under the charter and the last will and testament of its founder, the late John D. Lankenau, who has founded and heavily endowed the Motherhouse, a change of the charter would jeopardize the title to the entire property and endowment, so that the Board shall have to continue as a self-perpetuating Board, a fact fully understood by the General Council and its officers when it acknowledged the Philadelphia Motherhouse as the Motherhouse of its body. The merger could not affect this relationship to the Church nor the mutual rights and obligations.

The Board of the Philadelphia Motherhouse therefore respectfully submits this memorandum to the Board of Deaconess Work of the United Lutheran Church for information, fully conscious of its responsibility to the Church through your honorable Board, and assuring your Board anew of its pur-

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pose to co-operate with your Board to the fullest extent in the development of the female diaconate in this country and especially in our United Lutheran Church.

By order of the Board of Trustees of the Mary J. Drexel Home and Philadelphia Motherhouse of Deaconesses,

Most respectfully submitted,
E. F. BACHMANN.

IV. THE MILWAUKEE MOTHERHOUSE.

The Rev. Herman L. Fritschel, Director of the Institution of Protestant Deaconesses, furnishes the following information:

The Lutheran Deaconess Motherhouse at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, developed out of the earliest beginnings of deaconess work in America under Dr. W. A. Passavant in 1849. Theodore Fliedner at that time brought four deaconesses to Pittsburgh and established a station of Kaiserwerth in the Pittsburgh Infirmary, now the Passavant Hospital. The hopes that this station would develop into a complete Deaconess Motherhouse in America did not materialize until 1893, when the deaconess work was organized at Milwaukee according to the well established plans of the Motherhouse. The recruits came chiefly from the Synods of Wisconsin, Iowa, Northwest, and some directly from Europe.

The present Sisters came to us from: General Council, 6; General Synod, 2; Wisconsin Synod, 8; Missouri Synod, 3; Joint Synod of Ohio, 3; Iowa Synod, 26; other connections, 3.

The Sisters are stationed as follows: In Pennsylvania—in Passavant Hospital, Pittsburgh, 5; Home for Epileptics, Rochester, 5; Orphans' Home and Farm School, Zelienople, 3; Old People's Home, Zelienople, 3. In Ohio—in Old People's Home, Toledo, 2; Layton Home for Invalids, Milwaukee, 3; Milwaukee Hospital, 20; Milwaukee Motherhouse, 3.

The corporation is known by the name "The Institution of Protestant Deaconesses," and consists of all the consecrated deaconesses and a Board of Managers, consisting of nine persons. Five of the Board must be members of the Pittsburgh Synod and four members of other co-operating Synods. The present Board consists of Rev. H. L. Fritschel, Director; Sister Catherine Dentzer, Directing Sister; Rev. F. W. Kohler, Secretary; Mr. H. E. Passavant; Rev. Charles W. White; Rev. Ellis B. Burgess, D.D.; Rev. J. L. Miller, D.D.

The recently amended charter authorizes the general Board of Managers to appoint subsidiary Boards for the different institutions owned and managed by the Institution of Protestant Deaconesses.

The Milwaukee Motherhouse is thus not affiliated with any particular synod, but is intersynodical in character and work. While members of the Pittsburgh Synod are on the Board, it is not an institution of the United Lutheran Church, but is enumerated among the institutions allied to that body. The present Pastor is a member of the Pittsburgh Synod.

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V. REPORT OF TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF DEACONESS WORK.

CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

for the Year ended 31st July, 1921.

RECEIPTS.	General Fund	Endowment Fund	New Building Fund
United Church	$22,960.00	....	.....
United, General and Branch Synods	296.70	....	.....
Donations for Specific Purposes	.....	.....	$417.34
Tuition	1,455.00	....	.....
Kindergarten	790.53	....	.....
Nursing	522.07	....	.....
Stations	4,189.62	....	.....
Cash Sales to Sisters	174.72	....	.....
Refund of Advance to Students	95.00	....	.....
Rentals	600.00	....	.....
Interest on Bank Balances	.80	$11.16	84.81
Interest on Investments	.....	....	212.50
Discounts Earned	158.01	....	.....
	$31,242.45	$11.16	$714.65

DISBURSEMENTS.			
Salaries of Superintendent and Assistant.	$2,100.00		
Quarterly allowances to Sisters	3,133.45		
Wages of General and Domestic Help	3,057.50		
Contributions to Mary J. Drexel Home	3,000.00		
Traveling Expenses of Superintendent	269.95		
Traveling Expenses of Sisters	801.07		
Other Expenses of Sisters	1,428.23		
Expenses of other Officers and Board Members	495.51		
Repairs and Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds	5,867.80		
Household Expenses	$4,100.00		
Wearing Apparel	2,188.81		
Fuel and Light	3,123.97		
Lectures, Class Instruction, Library Books, etc.	794.97		
Printing and Stationery	1,046.80		
Telephone and Telegraph	82.25		
Postage and Expressage	112.34		
Auditing	25.00		
Office Supplies and Expenses	17.95		
General Expense	403.05		
	$32,048.65		
Excess or Deficit for the year	—$806 20	$11.16	$714.65

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	General Fund	Endowment Fund	New Building Fund
SUMMARY.			
Balance, August 1, 1920			$5,440.30
Add: Excess of Receipts:			
Endowment Fund		$ 11.16	
New Building Fund		714.65	
			725.81
			6,166.11
Deduct, Excess of Disbursements, General Fund			806.20
Balance, July 31, 1921			$5,359.91

CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS.

for the Year ended 31st July, 1922.

RECEIPTS.			
United Lutheran Church in America	$21,793.60	....	.....
United, General and Brach Synods	178.00	....	.....
Donations	.....	....	$311.25
Tuition	965.05	....	.....
Kindergarten	521.39	....	.....
Nursing	229.12	....	.....
Stations	5,495.71	....	.....
Miscellaneous Refunds	108.50	....	.....
Refund of Advances to Students	206.68	....	.....
Rentals	475.00	....	.....
Bank Interest	.....	$12.30	$119.74
Interest on Investments	.....	....	212.50
Discounts earned	200.80	....	.....
Fire Insurance collected	.....	....	4,631.26
	$30,173.85	$12.30	$5,274.75

DISBURSEMENTS.	
Salaries of Superintendent and Assistant	$2,008.32
Superintendent's Traveling Expenses	396.47
Wages of General and Domestic Help	2,720.00
Expenses of Mother House	3,120.67
Additions and Improvements to Mother House	1,299.55
Expenses of other Officers and Board Members	558.18
Expenses of Grounds	487.10
Household Expenses	3,525.00
Personal Expenses of Sisters	956.35
Sisters' Training Fund	175.00
Professional Services for Sisters	561.65
Sisters' Quarterly Allowance	4,814.92
Sisters' Traveling Allowance	468.00
Wearing Apparel	3,286.12
Lectures and Class Instruction	1,042.30
Class and Library Books	274.77
Printing and Stationery	702.18

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	General Fund	Endowment Fund	New Building Fund
Office Supplies and Expenses	$ 2.00		
Telephone and Telegraph	82.12		
Postage and Expressage	107.75		
Fuel and Light	1,449.93		
Auditing	138.59		
Contribution to Mary J. Drexel Home	3,000.00		
Sewing Room Expenses	200.00		
Annuity Bond Interest	27.50		
Grain, Feed and Garden Supplies	704.27		
Donation to Inner Missions Board	10.00		
Expenses of other Buildings owned by Board	1,024.25		
General Expenses	1,092.53		
	$34,235.52		
Excess or Deficit for the Year	$4,061.67	$12.30	$5,274.75

SUMMARY.

Balance, August 1, 1921		$5,359.91
Add, Excess of Receipts:		
Endowment Fund	$ 12.30	
New Building Fund	5,274.75	
		5.287.05
		10,646.96
Deduct, Excess of Disbursements: General Fund		4.061.67
		$6.585.29

Balance Sheet, 31st July, 1922.

ASSETS.

Cash:		
National Exchange Bank	$ 62.85	
Hopkins Place Savings Bank	4,056.84	
Held by Rev. Charles E. Hay	600.00	
Apportionment in transit from Executive Board	1,865.60	
		$6,585.29
$5,000 U. S. Fourth Liberty 4¼s at par value		5,000.00
Real Estate and Buildings, estimated value		211,000.00
		$222,585.29

FUNDS:

New Building Fund	$13,736.55	
Endowment Fund	320.29	
General Fund	208,528.45	
		$222,585.29

Respectfully submitted,
FREDERICK J. SINGLEY, *Treasurer.*

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Philadelphia, 30th August, 1922.

We have audited the accounts of the Board of Deaconess Work of The United Lutheran Church in America for the two years ended 31st July, 1922, and we certify that the foregoing

Balance Sheet
Receipts and Disbursements, etc.

are in accordance with the books of account and are correct.

LYBRAND, ROSS BROS. & MONTGOMERY,
Accountants and Auditors.

VI. POLICY OF THE BOARD.

The Board has recognized clearly the vast and ever increasing opportunities which are constantly opening up to the female diaconate. Appeals for the services have come to us from parishes, institutions and boards in all parts of the Church and so urgent are these appeals and so large the opportunities presented for effective ministrations that it has been a matter of profound regret to us that there were not deaconesses available to meet the demands made upon us. We cannot respond to the calls of the Church unless the Church will respond to the call of the Board and furnish us with the young women to train and send forth upon their ministry of love and mercy. The Board has put forth its best effort to bring this call home to the hearts of the young women of the United Lutheran Church in America. The response to these efforts enables us to report encouraging progress, but has not been sufficient to enable us to meet all the demands made upon us. The Board asks for the continued and enlarged interest of the Pastors of the Church in providing suitable candidates.

While thus recognizing clearly the pre-eminence of the female diaconate as a distinctive form of service, the Board has given careful consideration to the conditions existing in the Church, and particularly to the fact that there are many young women who, while they do not feel themselves called to the diaconate, feel, nevertheless, that they would like to devote their lives, or a part of them, to the work of serving the Church, and to the correlated fact that there are congregations and institutions in the Church that are constantly calling for trained workers other than deaconesses. There is a demand for young women with a proper religious education and an intelligent appreciation of the Lutheran Church to serve as congregational secretaries, teachers in weekday and vacation Bible schools, and other forms of Christian activity. The special one-year course for Christian workers provided by the Baltimore Motherhouse some years ago has proved its worth to the Church, but, in order to meet changing conditions, the Board has felt that some enlargment of this course was necessary. Plans are now well under way for providing, in addition to the special one-year course, supplementary courses which will prepare a young woman for effective service in several distinct spheres of Christian activity. The work of formulating and developing these courses of study will be in the hands of the new Superintendent of Instruction, Dr. Gift, and the Committee on Education. The Philadelphia Motherhouse is prepared to offer a similar course, covering two years, to a limited number of students.

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VII. RESOLUTIONS SUGGESTED.

1. That we are encouraged by the evidence of substantial progress in the deaconess work upon our territory.

2. That we commend to the young women of the United Lutheran Church the female diaconate as a life calling in harmony with the teaching of Scripture, characterized by the spirit of Jesus Christ, and abounding in opportunities for works of serving love.

3. That we urge upon parents, pastors, superintendents of Sunday schools, teachers of young women's Bible classes and the leaders of young people's societies that they make frequent reference to the helpful ministry of deaconesses in the Church and bring to the attention of suitable young women the large opportunities thus afforded for fruitful Christian service.

4. That we approve the policy of the Board of Deaconess Work in seeking to enlarge the scope of its activities, particularly in providing additional courses of instruction for Christian workers at the Baltimore Motherhouse, and we note with pleasure the establishment of a similar course at the Philadelphia Motherhouse.

5. That we approve the steps taken by the Board looking to the eventual establishment of a motherhouse for colored deaconesses.

Respectfully submitted,

L. M. ZIMMERMAN, President.
CHAS. E. HAY, Secretary.

The Rev. C. E. Hay, General Secretary of the Board, spoke of the growth and effectiveness of the work and also of the provision for the special training of Christian workers. The Rev. Foster U. Gift, Superintendent of Instruction at the Baltimore Motherhouse, also addressed the Convention on the enlarged scope of the work of this institution.

The suggested resolutions were considered by items. Items 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 adopted.

The Report was adopted as a whole.

The Report of the Board of Ministerial Relief was presented by the Rev. A. Pohlman, President of the Board, who in a few words emphasized the importance of the Board's work.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MINISTERIAL RELIEF

The report of the Board of Ministerial Relief two years ago was the report of an experiment made possible by the generosity of one man. The report now is of an established work, approved and supported by the Church.

The two years have been years in which the Board has been "finding

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itself." They have also been years in which it has been making itself and its work known to the Church and calling on it for co-operation along new lines. The results have been most encouraging. The progress has been that of growth and development along lines laid down and approved by the Washington Convention. It began as a Board of Relief. At Washington it was made in effect a Board of Pensions and Relief, and the two phases of its work need to be presented separately.

I. Pensions.

In making our report we wish to call special attention to the distinguishing features of the pension of the United Lutheran Church:

It is non-contributory and on the basis of service alone, and in its present minimum form is paid from the Church Budget. It is given to every minister and to all regularly commissioned Foreign Missionaries and to all widows of ministers irrespective of need. In other words, it is in recognition of services rendered. It is irrespective of the size of the salary received. All receive the pension, all are on an equal basis, service alone counts.

The number on our pension roll has grown from 576 at the time of our last report to 648 today, involving an outlay of $133,400 annually, as over against $121,550 two years ago. This means an increase of 12.15 per cent. in the number on the roll and of 9.83 per cent. in the amount expended. The discrepancy between the two percentages is due to the fact that over 54 per cent. of the increase was in the number of widows, over 28.5 per cent. in the number of children and only a trifle over 17 per cent. in the number of ministers. These figures go far toward making plain why we can never expect the removals from the roll to counterbalance the accessions. The death of an aged minister more frequently than not leaves a widow to be provided for, while the death of a man in active service usually means a widow and children to be added to the roll. The natural increase in the number of ministers is another element in the growth of the roll. The average rate of increase in the experience of other Boards is 10 per cent. each biennium. This increase, on the basis of the present minimum pension, should be provided from the budget of the Church.

Since our last report there have been thirty-three retired ministers, two disabled ministers and twenty-nine widows removed from our roll by death; two ministers have resumed work and three disabled ministers have recovered and three were found to be ineligible. One widow voluntarily gave up her pension and one married, and forty-three children reached the age of sixteen and so ceased to receive pensions.

Certain questions having arisen in the conduct of the work, definite rules were adopted with regard to eligibility:

1. A minister leaving the active service before the age of sixty-five, "for the purpose of entering a gainful secular occupation" forfeits his right to a pension.

2. A minister "receiving an annuity from a congregation, institution or

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Church Board, the pension shall be reduced so that the total combined pension received shall not exceed an aggregate amount of $1,000.

3. Widows of retired ministers shall not be eligible to a pension unless they were married at least five years before the husband's retirement.

4. Unmarried daughters of ministers of the U. L. C. who have had the care of a father, if he be a widower, ten years, and who are themselves at least forty years of age, shall by a two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee be entitled to relief in the same amount and under the same conditions as widows.

Recognizing the inadequacy of the present pensions and looking forward to the time when the size of the pensions shall be increased, the present pension is called the "minimum pension" and the widows' pension is stated as "two-thirds the amount to which her husband would be entitled." The present pension is on the basis of $15 for each year of required service, and the hope of the Board is that when sufficient endowment is secured the pension will be increased on the basis of years of service, allowing $15 additional for each year over twenty.

The question of including unordained teachers and professors in Church schools and colleges in the pension provision, which was referred to the Board by the Washington Convention, was decided in the negative as being impossible in view of the limitations of the charter.

II. Relief.

The relief work of the Board has made marked progress during the past biennium. Lack of funds during the first year of the operation of the pension system made relief apart from pensions almost a negligible proposition. The amount received from the budget barely meets the pension needs and that only by the end of the year, so that funds for relief must be secured from special gifts. An appeal made through advertisements in the Lutheran and through letters brought in something less than $2,500 in 1920. This was the beginning of the Relief Fund and the beginning of definite relief to those who were in need. In the fall of 1921 letters were sent to the pastors in the United Lutheran Church requesting lists of names to whom an appeal might be addressed asking for a Christmas gift for ministerial relief. About 10 per cent responded with 3,500 names. Of these, 10 per cent. responded with gifts aggregating something over $8,000. At the same time a questionnaire was sent to those on the roll to be filled out by those who were in need and desired help. It was found that about 150 had a maximum income in addition to their pension not exceeding the size of the pension received. A distribution from $3,000 to $3,500 was made to these at Christmas and again at Easter, graded in accord with their resources. Another distribution was made on August 5. This must be repeated from time to time if these servants of the Church are not to suffer, and to make it possible constant gifts are required from churches, societies and individuals. Over $14,000 have been received for

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this purpose and for the general work since the beginning of the fiscal year. When intended for the relief work, gifts should be so indicated.

The aim of the Board for its pensioners through relief additional to the pension is expressed in the adoption of the recommendation of the Finance Committee that our relief work be continued with distributions from time to time as funds may be available until pension and relief jointly will reach a sum sufficient for adequate support of those who are in greatest need.

Grants to meet special need may be made to those on the roll and others by a two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee.

The relief work as outlined two years ago has also been extended by making the children of disabled pastors eligible to grants where conditions make it necessary on the same basis as the children of widows.

III. Finances.

The amount received from the budget, together with the income from invested funds and special gifts, has met the requirements of the pension roll by the end of the year. The anticipated increase of 15 per cent. in the pension roll in the next three years makes an increased apportionment essential if the minimum pension is to be provided by the Church and the Board left free to seek special gifts for relief and endowment. The pension is the Church's obligation and should not be dependent upon individual or special gifts, but should be on the assured basis of Church support. This the Board feels should be the policy adopted and announced. When increased pension is given it should be from endowment. The Board during a large part of both years of the past biennium has had to borrow in order to meet its obligations, due to the fact that so many Treasurers hold their budget contributions until the time of the meeting of the Synods. The "overhead" for the past year has been less than 4 per cent.

The growing interest of the Church in the work of the Board has been manifest in the special gifts which have been received for relief and for the general funds. In the first year of the biennium they totaled something over $5,000. In the year just closing over $15,000 have been received, together with $19,000 in annuity bonds, the principal of which will eventually go into the endowment. Of these a number have been taken at 6 per cent. or less, instead of the higher rates of interest to which the purchaser would have been entitled on the basis of age, so that as we have been able to invest the money in securities approved by the State of Pennsylvania for trust funds (guaranteed first mortgages) paying 6 per cent., the entire $19,000 is costing about $150 annually to carry. One of the bonds has already matured by the death of the owner and has been incorporated in our endowment.

The Board has been stressing annuity bonds as a means of giving to its work and offers interest at rates in accordance with the age of the giver. If 10 is added to the age and the result divided by a decimal point

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the rate for any given age is established. Where two names appear on the bond the rate is according to the age of the younger. In many cases, however, the giver is satisfied with a smaller rate of interest.

The endowment has been increased during the biennium by the transfer of the funds of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, the Synods of Virginia, South West Virginia, New York and New England, Tennessee, the Synod of the Northwest, and the balance in the treasury of the Pittsburgh Synod (which had already paid $2,500).

Three of the widows on the roll have ordered their monthly checks transferred to the endowment fund ever since the pension was put into operation, as a memorial to their husbands, while another has returned the larger part of her check each month for the same purpose. The total endowment at present is $135,800, including the $72,498 to be transferred by the Pastors' Fund of the General Synod as soon as authority is given by that body, but excluding the $16,000 of the Canada Synod, of which we receive the interest. The one fund not yet transferred or the income of which is not available to the Board is that of the District Synod of Ohio. The transfer of this fund was ordered by the Synod in June, 1920, and again last October, but has not yet come into the Board's hands. Final arrangements for the transfer are at present under way.

The securing of an endowment is the great essential to making the necessary increase in the size of the pensions. The Washington Convention authorized the raising of an endowment of not less than $2,000,000 at such time and in such manner as the Executive Board should approve. The further knowledge of what is involved seems to make the minimum amount needed $3,000,000. That with the natural accretions from gifts, bequests and annuity bonds should make possible pensions at the rate of $15 for each year of service, with two-thirds the amount due the husband to each widow, provided the present minimum pension is taken care of from the budget. This would be an average of about $5 for each communing member, and with the large amounts which will undoubtedly be given should not be difficult to raise when the times are prosperous. The Missouri Synod in 1919-1920, with 140,000 less confirmed members than we, raised almost that amount in cash and bonds for this purpose. The Augustana Synod with only 200,000 members has raised a fund of about $1,000,000. The Methodists have raised $16,000,000, the Episcopalians $14,000,000, the Presbyterians $7,000,000 and other denominations enough to make a total of $64,000,000, with another $60,000,000 planned for ministerial relief and pensions. Ministerial pensions and relief in the Protestant Churches are costing the Churches $6,000,000 annually and are distributed to over 20,000 individuals—and the work is only begun. The United Lutheran Church will not be behind in the procession or fail of its duty.

The securing of such a sum, however, cannot be accomplished without concerted action, and while campaigns are not to be a part of the regular activities of our Church under the budget system, the Board of Ministerial

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Relief believes that it should be made an exception for the following reasons:

1. The Board of Ministerial Relief is a new Board whose work involves in a peculiar way the honor of the Church.

2. It is the only Board whose future cannot be provided for through the budget of the Church.

3. It cannot hope to increase the present inadequate pension except through a generous endowment.

4. The minimum endowment necessary, $3,000,000, could never be raised except by organized effort, backed by the full authority and all the influence of the Church.

5. A "campaign" for this purpose is the general expectation throughout the Church, a number of Synods already having approved it, and one Synod at least having called for it by definite resolution.

6. A frankly acknowledged "campaign," officially recognized and approved, with the reasons given, holds less of embarrassing precedent than the permitted organizing of the work without such approval.

IV. General.

The Board feels that the success of its work lies with the laity. It is they who must be interested and it is they who must provide the funds. It is greatly encouraged by the interest everywhere manifested when the work is presented and with the practical way in which that interest is being shown. It looks to the great organizations of the Church, the Women's Missionary Society, the Brotherhood and the Luther League to help in spreading the knowledge of what it is doing and in practical co-operation. The women are represented by two advisory members on the Board and their Executive Committee has recommended that it be included in their budget for the coming biennium. The Brotherhood has made provision for it on their program, and the Luther League will include it in the topics for 1923. These things are full of promise for the work of the coming years.

The reluctance of the clergy to present the work is one of the obstacles to be overcome. Many seem to feel that in presenting it they are pleading for themselves and their own future. In these days when pensions have become a part of business life and provision is being made for those who have faithfully served by all great corporations, as well as by the Government, and that without reference to need, it should be plain that this is a plain business proposition for the benefit of the Church itself, and being one of the regularly appointed Church activities, must be presented along with the other phases of work. The co-operation of the clergy is essential, and the Board confidently looks to them as well as to the laity to make its work a success. The pension is but the translating into the terms of the twentieth century the principle laid down in the wilderness for

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the care of the Levites, and made a part of the Gospel plan when Paul wrote the Corinthians: "For so is the will of the Lord, that they who preach the Gospel shall live of the Gospel," not only during the years of active service, but when age or disability has come.

The Board submits for your approval the following resolutions:

Resolved that:

1. The plans as outlined be approved and that the minimum pension be provided for from the budget.

2. The Board of Ministerial Relief be commended to Synods, congregations and individuals for their heartiest co-operation and support in every way possible.

3. The work of the Board be presented before every congregation at least once every year by the pastor or by a competent layman.

4. The fact that the pension is a sacred obligation be emphasized.

5. A campaign for the raising of an endowment of not less than $3,000,000 be authorized, at such time as the financial condition of the country, in the judgment of the Board and of the Executive Board, shall make it practical; that this campaign shall have right of way, and that it shall have the official support and encouragement of the whole governing power of the Church.

A. POHLMAN, *President.*
EDGAR GRIM MILLER, *Executive Secretary.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

August 1, 1920, to July 31, 1922.

The Treasurer presents as his financial statement the complete yearly audits as made by the firm appointed by the Executive Board for that purpose. It is very full in detail as to sources of receipts and disbursements, as well as to endowment investments, and needs no further enlargement or elucidation.

Information obtained during the past biennium shows that there are quite a number of our beneficiaries whose incomes from all other sources and pension combined are insufficient for adequate support. The Relief Fund is the only fund from which the pressing needs of the aged, retired ministers and their widows can be met or alleviated, and the Treasurer feels impelled to call attention to the small sum available for relief disbursement during the past biennium, with the hope that this reference to it may assist in greatly increasing the contributions to that fund in the present biennium.

Respectfully submitted,
J. H. BRANDT, *Treasurer.*

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REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF MINISTERIAL RELIEF FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDED JULY 31, 1922

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

for the Year ended 31st July, 1921.

RECEIPTS.

	Board of Ministerial Relief Endowment Fund	Board of Ministerial Relief General Fund	Pastor's Fund Society Endowment Fund	Pastor's Fund Society General Fund
United Lutheran Church	.....	$108,880.00	.....	.....
United, General and Branch Synods	$5,327.47	1,838.85	.....	$18.55
Donations	973.46	21,263.88	$1,880.00	.....
Ministerium of Pennsylvania Pension Fund	.....	600.00	.....	.....
Rentals of Property	.....	.....	.....	540.00
Interest:				
On Bank Balances	1.00	69.41	.....	.....
On Bills Receivable	456.74	.....	.....	.....
On Mortgages	726.00	.....	80.00	245.10
On Investments	626.36	.....	3,033.33	50.00
Proceeds from Sale of Securities	500.00	.....	2,000.00	.....
	$8,611.03	$132,652.14	$6,993.33	$853.65

DISBURSEMENTS.

Pensions:				
Retired Ministers	.....	$50,325.00	.....	.....
Disabled Ministers	.....	5,904.00	.....	.....
Widows and Mothers of Ministers	.....	68,396.91	.....	.....
Children of Ministers	.....	5,254.02	.....	.....
Christmas Gifts and Special Relief	.....	877.50	.....	.....
Annuities	.....	1,485.00	$25.00	.....
Salary of Executive Secretary	.....	3,000.00	.....	.....
Salary of Office Secretary	.....	1,030.00	.....	.....
Traveling Expenses of Executive Secretary	.....	719.05	.....	.....
Expenses of Treasurer and other Board Members	.....	683.39	.....	.....
Expense of Property	.....	358.09	.....	.....
Printing and Stationery	.....	511.51	.....	.....
Office Supplies and Expenses.	.....	345.16	.....	.....
Rental of Office	.....	568.75	.....	.....
Auditing	.....	250.00	.....	.....
Advertising	.....	150.00	.....	.....
Interest on Bills Payable	.....	249.17	.....	.....
General Expenses	$1.87	55.15	4.07	.....
Purchase of Office Furntiure.	.....	245.57	.....	.....
Purchase of Securities	4,086.60	.....	8,571.30	.....
	$4,088.47	$140,408.27	$8,600.37	.....

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RECONCILEMENT OF CASH.

	Board of Ministerial Relief		Pastor's Fund Society	
	Endowment Fund	General Fund	Endowment Fund	General Fund
Balances, August 1, 1920....	$ 4,223.60	$ 14,683.33	$ 5,341.37	$.....
Receipts, as above.....	8,611.03	132,652.14	6,993.33	853.65
	$12,834.63	$147,335.47	$12,334.70	$853.65
Disbursements, as above	4,088.47	140,408.27	8,600.37	.....
	$8,746.16	$6,927.20	$3,734.33	$853.65
Transfers between Funds, as of July 31, 1921.....	*3,265.77*	7,334.38	*3,214.96*	*853.65*
Balances, July 31, 1921.....	$5,480.39	$14,261.58	$519.37	.....
		$20,261.34		

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

for the Year ended 31st July, 1922.

RECEIPTS.

	Board of Ministerial Relief		Pastor's Fund Society	
	Endowment Fund	General Fund	Endowment Fund	General Fund
United Lutheran Church.....	.....	$124,182.40	.....	.....
United, General and Branch Synods	$75.00	3,768.77	.....	.....
Donations	944.78	11,958.15	$4,975.00	.....
Rentals of Property.....	.....	.....	.....	$315.00
Interest:				
On Bank Balances	123.58	98.38	17.35	.....
On Bills Receivable	480.00	.....	.....	.....
On Mortgages	873.48	.....	.....	258.00
On Investments	833.96	.....	3,301.26	50.00
Proceeds from Sale of Securities	9,750.00	.....	12,245.83	4,603.50
Donations under Annuity Plan	11,804.00	.....	.....	.....
Other Receipts	30.00	.....	344.00	40.99
Loans	.....	37,500.00	.....	.....
	$24,914.80	$177,507.70	$20,883.44	$5,267.49

DISBURSEMENTS.

Pensions:				
Retired Ministers	.....	$50,458.34	.....	.....
Disabled Ministers	.....	5,475.00	.....	.....
Widows and Mothers of Ministers	.....	60,192.58	.....	.....
Children of Ministers	.....	15,710.71	.....	.....
Christmas Gifts and Special Relief	.....	7,187.55	.....	.....
Annuities	.....	1,803.00	.....	.....

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	Board of Ministerial Relief Endowment Fund	Board of Ministerial Relief General Fund	Pastor's Fund Society Endowment Fund	Pastor's Fund Society General Fund
Salary of Executive Secretary	.....	$3,000.00	.....	.....
Salary of Office Secretary....	.....	930.00	.....	.....
Traveling Expenses of Executive Secretary	.....	672.64	.....	.....
Expenses of Treasurer and other Board Members	.....	737.95	.....	.....
Expenses of Property	.....	228.62	.....	.....
Printing and Stationery	.....	542.34	.....	.....
Office Supplies and Expenses.	.....	335.02	.....	.....
Rental of Office	.....	481.25	.....	.....
Auditing	.....	200.00	.....	.....
Advertising	.....	814.07	.....	.....
Interest on Bills Payable.....	.....	128.05	.....	.....
General Expenses	.....	122.21	.....	.....
Purchase of Office Furniture.	.....	147.17	.....	.....
Purchase of Securities.....	$25,100.00	.....	$18,000.00	.....
Repayment of Loans	.....	37,500.00	.....	.....
	$25,100.00	$186,666.50	$18,000.00	.....

RECONCILEMENT OF CASH.

Balances, August 1, 1920.....	$ 5,480 39	$ 14,261.58	$ 519 37	.....
Receipts, as above.....	24,914.80	177,507.70	20,883.44	$5,267.49
	$30,395.19	$191,769.28	$21,402.81	$5,267.49
Disbursements, as above	25,100.00	186,666.50	18,000.00	.....
	$5,295.19	$5,102.78	$3,402.81	$5,267.49
Transfers between Funds, as of July 31, 1922.....	—3.557.56	6,817.92	2,007.13	—5,267.49
Balances, July 31, 1922....	$1,737.63	$11,920.70	$5,409.94	.....
				$19,068.27

Balance Sheet, 31st July, 1922.

ASSETS.

Cash in banks and on hand.....		$19,068.27
Investments:		
At Ledger Values:		
U. S. Liberty Loan Bonds	$18.625.42	
Other Bonds	86,570.00	
Stocks	300.00	
Notes Receivable	8,500.00	
Mortgages	22,300.00	
Real Estate	2.00	
		136,297.42
Office Furniture and Fixtures		392.74
		$155,758.43

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FUNDS.

Board of Ministerial Relief:		
Endowment	$62,791.75	
General	12,313.44	
		$75,105.19
Pastors' Fund Society:		
Endowment	74,928.24	
General	5,725.00	
		80,653.24
		$155,758.43

INVESTMENTS, 31st July, 1922.

		Ledger Values
U. S. Government Obligations:		
$20,500 U. S. Fourth Liberty Loan 4¼s		$18,625.42
Other Bonds:		
1,000 Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Reformation 5s, 1925	$1,000.00	
1,000 Newberry College 6s, 1929	1,000.00	
15,000 Gomery Schwartz Bldg. 6 pct. Mtge. 1928	15,000.00	
1,000 Penna. R. R. Company, Consolidated 4s, 1948	1,000.00	
10,000 Southwest Corner 16th and Walnut Sts., Phila., 6 pct. Mtge. Bonds, 1927	10,000.00	
4,000 Georgia Light, Power & R. R. Co. 5s, 1941	3,720.00	
9,000 Philadelphia Co. 5s, 1951	9,000.00	
2,000 Tennessee Power Co. 5s, 1962	1,600.00	
5,000 Central District Telephone Co. 5, 1943	4,875.00	
1,000 United Ry. & Electric Co. of Baltimore 5s, 1936	1,000.00	
1,000 Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co. 5s, 1937	1,000.00	
1,000 Charleston Cons. Ry. Gas & Elec. Co. 5s, 1999	1,000.00	
7,000 Commonwealth Power, Railway & Light Co. 7s, 1923	7,000.00	
5,000 Virginia Power Co. 5s, 1942	4,500 00	
1,000 Des Moines City Ry. Co. 5s, 1936	950.00	
1,000 Southern Ry. Co., St. Louis Div. 4s, 1951	1,000.00	
6,000 Chicago, Indianapolis & Louisville 5s, 1966	6,000.00	
1,000 Howard Gas & Coal Co. 6s, 1937	1,000.00	
5.000 Gomery Schwartz Bldg. 6 pct. Mtge., 1948	5,000.00	
10,000 Walnut St. Trust Bldg., 6 pct. Mtge., 1932.	10,000.00	
1,000 Georgia Light, Power & Ry. Co. 5s 1941	925.00	
		86,570.00
Stocks:		
10 Shares Emerson-Brantingham Co., Common, Par $100	$300.00	
8 Shares Georgia Light, Power & Ry. Co., Common, Par $100	.....	
15 Shares Virginia Power Co., Common, Par $100	.....	
5 Shares Georgia Light, Power & Ry. Co., Common, Par $100	.....	
		300.00
Forward		$105,495.42

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Forward		$105,495.42
Mortgages:		
Farm, County Perry, Montana, 6 pct	$900.00	
Farm, County Washington, Colorado, 6 pct	1,200.00	
Farm, County Itasca, Minnesota, 6 pct	600.00	
Farm, Province Saskatchewan, Canada, 6 pct	1,500,00	
Farm, Province Saskatchewan, Canada, 6 pct	3,000.00	
5830 Holden Street, Pittsburgh	2,500.00	
6425 Aurelia Street, Pittsburgh	2,500.00	
Participating Trust Certificate, Property in Park County, Montana, 6 pct	800.00	
1311 H Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., 6 pct	2,000.00	
1948 N. Eleventh Street, Philaelphia, 6 pct	3,000.00	
Mehl and Wakefield Streets, Philadelphia, 6 pct	4,300.00	
		22,300.00
Notes Receivable:		
Demand, Hon. C. A. Smith, June 6, 1912, 6 pct	$5,500.00	
Demand, Trustees Roanoke College, April 1, 1921, 6 pct.	2,500.00	
Demand, For Loan, March 19, 1915	500.00	
Due June 1, 1910, Judgment Note, April 13, 1910	.....	
		8,500.00
Real Estate:		
Land, 40 acres, southeast quarter of N. W. Corner, Section 30, Township 15, North Range 2 West, Midland County, Michigan	$1.00	
Lots 58, 59 and 60, Block 12, Grant Terrace, Staten Island, N. Y.	1.00	
		2.00
Total Investments		$136,297.42

Philadelphia, 12th September, 1922.

We have audited the accounts of the Board of Ministerial Relief for the two years ended 31st July, 1922, and we certify that the foregoing

Receipts and Disbursements for the Two Years ended 31st July, 1921 and 1922,

Balance Sheet, 31st July, 1922,

Investments, 31st July, 1922,

are in accordance with the books of account and are correct.

LYBRAND, ROSS BROS. & MONTGOMERY,
Accountants and Auditors.

J. H. BRANDT.
Treasurer.

The Rev. Edgar Grim Miller, Executive Secretary of the Board, called attention to definite rules adopted by the Board in regard to eligibility to pension. The resolutions submitted by the Board were considered by items.

Item 1. By general consent the President of the Board was permitted to strike the word "perpetually" after the words "pro-

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vided for" from the first item and the item was adopted. Items 2 and 3 adopted. Item 4. On motion the word "divine" was stricken and the word "sacred" substituted for it. The item was adopted as amended.

Item 5. The question having been raised whether the adoption of item 5 means the endorsing of a campaign, President Knubel stated that the Washington Convention had approved of a campaign leaving the time and circumstances to the Executive Board. With the understanding that the action of the Washington Convention in regard to this matter shall stand, Item 5 was adopted.

The Report was adopted as a whole.

The Committee on Moral and Social Welfare reported through its Chairman, the Rev. E. P. Pfatteicher.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MORAL AND SOCIAL WELFARE

Your committee would respectfully report that it has held two meetings during the biennium, in addition to which meetings there have been numerous conferences and much correspondence.

At the first meeting, held in the executive offices of the United Lutheran Church, 437 Fifth Avenue, New York, on February 15, 1921, the committee organized by electing the convener, the Rev. E. P. Pfatteicher, D.D., Ph.D., as chairman and the Rev. F. K. Fretz, D.D., Ph.D., Secretary.

The Washington convention very definitely assigned to the Committee on Moral and Social Welfare a specific task, namely

The careful and thorough study of current moral, social and industrial problems and issues, e. g., temperance, at home and in mission fields; family welfare—marriage, divorce, etc.; Lord's Day observance; social purity, industrial problems; immigration problems; the problem of amusement; Christian citizenship.

The preparation and publication of literature for pastors and others on these and similar subjects. (See p. 479, 1920 Minutes).

In accordance with these instructions your committee immediately upon its organization proceeded to consider the preparation of suitable literature on the above named moral and social problems, the committee being divided into sub-committees for said purpose. It was decided that the literature to be prepared take various forms but more especially that of the study book for groups and individuals so strongly recommended by the President of the United Lutheran Church to the various Boards and Committees. The first of these little study books is ready. It is on the "Sunday Problem" or the problem of the Lord's Day observance. In addition to the study book the committee has had prepared for it by Dr. Keyser an article on this subject which appeared in "The Lutheran Church Review."

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There also appeared an article on "The Lutheran Doctrine of the Lord's Day" by the Rev. Charles W. Cassell in "The Lutheran Quarterly" for January 1922. This article was prepared as a thesis under the direction of Dr. Keyser. We urge our constituency to read these articles and to introduce the study book wherever feasible.

The committee acknowledges with gratitude the splendid services in its domain rendered by "The Lutheran." "The American Lutheran Survey" also merits our gratitude because of many pertinent articles and series of articles, notably among them "The Divorce Problem" (series beginning in July 1922).

The committee believes that the Christian Church may assist very materially in the solution of the many moral and social welfare problems confronting modern society through a close adherence to the Gospel and Epistle on the part of the preachers of today. The first and greatest need of the hour as the committee sees it is positive preaching on the consequences of sin and the blessings of the redemption wrought upon the cross by Christ. This preaching must relate itself to the lives of our citizens of today. The references to sin in the epistolary literature must not be limited to Galatia and Rome but must be applied to conditions in New York, Chicago, San Francisco, and intermediate points.

The attention of the committee has been called to the desire of many of our Lutheran college graduates to devote themselves to "Social Service" work. We would therefore point out to these graduates themselves, to Lutheran Pastors and to all who come into contact with this question that the sphere of Inner Missions is sufficiently comprehensive to enlist the active co-operation of every Lutheran young man or woman interested in "social service." As it is necessary that each case be considered separately the committee is willing to act in an advisory capacity whenever asked to do so.

The committee sent a communication to Mr. Will Hays, President of the Motion Pictures Producers and Distributors of America (522 Fifth Avenue, New York) commending him upon the withdrawal of certain films, which ought not to have been continued but the continuance of which was strongly advocated by certain commercial interests. The committee took advantage of the opportunity afforded to plead for clean and helpful, rather than suggestive and destructive motion pictures. Mr. Hays' acknowledgment was graceful and conciliatory.

The attention of the committee was called to the publication of Christmas cards of an irreverent and sometimes profane character. As this matter was brought to the attention of the Federal Council of Churches by the Rev. W. J. Miller, Jr., Pastor of Tabernacle Lutheran Church, Philadelphia, and as the plea of the Federal Council of Churches, the National Lutheran Council and the National Catholic Welfare Council had already been conveyed to Mr. Howard H. Betelle of the Keating Publishing Company, Philadelphia, President of the Greeting Card Association, your com-

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mittee took no further action in the matter. It would, however, request pastors of the U. L. C. to stress the right kind of cards in their weekly calendars.

The attention of the committee has been called to the marketing of suggestive and indecent novelties. It is to be regretted that many of those who deal in novelties of this sort and many of those who purchase them are members of the Christian Church. The Chairman of the committee obtained an interview with a manufacturer dealing in this kind of novelties. The manufacturer indicated a willingness to discontinue the line, not so much because he saw anything morally wrong in what he was doing but because "The trade is not interested in them as much as it used to be and the line is no longer profitable." Surely there is a sign of an awakening conscience on the part of the buying public.

In various ways, other than a resort to the law, your committee has sought to commend or disapprove, as it believed the one or the other course to be of value, the furtherance or discontinuance of things pertaining to the public welfare or woe.

Prohibition Enforcement.

Concerning the problem which has been created by those who in an unlawful way are seeking to invalidate the law of the United States in the matter of prohibition enforcement, we would call attention to the constant necessity of enforcement laws on the part of Congress to render all constitutional provisions effective. It is the duty of loyal citizens everywhere within the United States to abide by constitutional provisions and the laws passed by Congress relating to their enforcement.

Arbitration of Industrial Disputes.

Concerning the industrial unrest into which the United States, together with the other nations of the world, has been plunged, your committee expresses the opinion that it would have been miraculous and entirely contrary to the teachings of Holy Scripture or the experiences of the past, if there were no such unrest during these post world war days.

There are certain distinct signs of the times of better things ahead. It appears more or less evident that strikes and shutouts which invariably affect the general public more than either employers or employees, are at least in part to yield their sway to arbitration.

We note with grateful hearts the growing consciousness on the part of the public that questions affecting the common weal ought to be settled by arbitration and we urgently recommend the extension of this principle, adding that such arbitration be made a matter of public record whenever possible.

Marriage and the Family.

Family life is being dishonored by a large part of our population; fidelity in wedded life is far too lightly regarded; filial respect and obedience are slighted and lax social practices prevail.

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We believe that the religious-social institution of marriage should be kept as sacred and serious as possible in the estimation of the community. The wedding ceremony itself, adding as it does dignity and symbolism, is of great significance.

We believe that there should be an interval between the issuance of a license and the ceremony itself, during which period there should be a publication by the State of intentions.

We feel that the Church should do all in its power to help the State fight against all public sources of sensual appeal, including indecent forms of amusement and literature, through which the greed of money panders to sensuality. Education in matters of sex should be imparted not only by competent teachers but primarily in the family.

It is our conviction that the functions of the home are being endangered by changing economic conditions which threaten the stability of our monogamous ideals and cause women in increasing numbers to seek careers outside the home; we therefore, seriously urge our pastors and people to study these newer relationships between industry and the home.

Christian Citizenship

It is our conviction that Christian citizenship is a very real and tangible thing; we would therefore urge our people to exercise in their own communities the duties and prerogatives of their citizenship in an earnest and sustained effort to promote righteousness and social justice. We especially direct attention to the vices of prostitution, gambling, improper moving pictures, common dance halls, a wide open commercialized Sunday and similar flagrant evils and urge that, as Christian citizens, we exert our influence individually and through proper agencies in their suppression.

The Near East.

The President of the United Lutheran Church has referred to our Committee numerous communications from various sources concerning the appalling situation in the Near East. We would, therefore, offer the following resolutions:

1. In view of the appalling distress so widely distributed among the peoples of the Near East be it resolved that we, the United Lutheran Church, heartily commend this work of mercy to our pastors and people.

2. Be it resolved that we refer the appointment of an advisory committee to co-operate with the Near East Relief Committee to the Executive Board with power to act.

It may be well to add a word concerning the tentative plans of the committee for the future.

1. Your committee is fully impressed with the desirability of issuing from time to time study books on moral and social welfare problems. It proposes that its second effort be directed to the preparation of a study

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book on The Family and it requests the hearty co-operation of all persons who have studied this problem.

2. It will continue efforts both direct and indirect to have the great moral and social welfare problems of the day discussed constructively and helpfully in the papers and magazines of the Church.

3. It will seek to be a clearing house for addresses on moral and social welfare problems, listing the names and subjects available in the various geographical centers of our constituency and making this catalog available for those interested.

4. It will endeavor to point out to pastors of the United Lutheran Church proper and appealing avenues of approach through the Epistles and Gospels for the day to the questions of moral and social significance uppermost in the life of our generation.

In conclusion, your committee would present the following suggestions:

First, that we ever seek to relate the moral and social welfare problems of the day to the Word of God, firmly believing that therein and therein alone we shall discover the principle which needs to be applied to the solution of the problem.

Second, that having discovered for ourselves in the teachings of Christ and His apostles the principles which underlie the moral and social welfare problems of the day, we seek to make clear to others by precept and example the reason for the faith that is in us.

Third, that we seek in the spirit of Christ to discourage immoral thoughts and words and deeds on the part of those who because they do not see as we see, do not realize the seriousness of their conduct.

Fourth, that recognizing the greatness of the task which confronts us we plead for the sympathetic co-operation of the men and women in our Church who because of specialized research are ready to lend a hand in the further preparation of literature.

Fifth, that we recognize the Inner Mission spirit as that in which all moral and social welfare problems should be presented to and made effective in our congregations.

Respectfully submitted,

THE COMMITTEE.

The Committee reported supplemental matter on Marriage and the Family, Christian Citizenship and the Near East, requesting that these sections be received as a part of their Report to follow immediately after the paragraphs concerning Industrial Disputes. Permission being granted the Chairman of the Committee read the paragraphs concerning "Marriage and the Family."

Dr. Haas moved that the last sentence of the 4th paragraph, after the word "imparted," conclude with the words "not only by

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competent teachers but primarily in the family." Motion was carried and the section was adopted.

The Chairman read the section concerning Christian Citizenship.

Mr. William H. Hager moved an addition to the section on Christian Citizenship as follows:

"Furthering Christian Citizenship, we would urge our people to work with all Christian men and women in their communities in organized effort to combat and eliminate the evils of vice in every form, gambling, vile moving pictures, evil dance halls and a wide open commercialized Sunday."

Pending the discussion of this motion the Convention adjourned with prayer by the Rev. J. F. Hartman.

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Afternoon Session

Tuesday, October 24, 2:00.

The Rev. J. H. Harms conducted devotions.

Acting President Burgess called the Convention to order.

Resumed consideration of the Report of the Committee on Moral and Social Welfare, item concerning Christian Citizenship.

It was moved and carried, That the entire matter including the report of the Committee and Mr. Hager's motion be recommitted.

The following paper on International Peace and Goodwill put into form by the Rev. J. A. Clutz at the request of the Executive Board was read and adopted.

On International Peace and Good Will

We live in a time of which we might well say as Saint Paul said of the time in which he lived, "The days are evil." From every direction there come the sounds of confusion and strife. On every side there are the evidences of suspicion, and ill will, and even bitter hate. Class is arrayed against class, nation rises up against nation, and a large part of the world is disturbed by wars and rumors of war. The high ideals of a warless world, of international peace, of the autonomy of small nations, of the protection of the rights of minorities, of the guaranty of religious freedom for all men, that were born amid the flames and tumult of the World War seem to have been repudiated or forgotten by many if not all of the leaders of the nations engaged in the war, and also apparently by the great masses of the people.

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But the Church of Christ must never repudiate or lose sight of these ideals which are really inspired by the teaching of God's word and especially of Jesus and His Apostles. As loyal followers of the Christ, we must always hold them before our eyes and before the eyes of the world, and in every legitimate way labor diligently to bring about their realization. The world of today is indeed like the boat in which Jesus and His disciples were crossing the lake, tossed on a tempestuous sea and threatened with imminent destruction, but now as then, the Lord of the storm is in the boat and we may comfort and strengthen our hearts with the assurance that in His own good time, He will arise in answer to the cries of His disciples, and will bid the winds to cease and the waves to be still, and the boat will reach the land to which he is guiding it.

But we can, and should do more than pray. It is not for the Church to lay down definite programs of action, or to formulate laws, and seek to impose these upon the civil authorities. This must be left to the civil powers themselves and to those in the State who are charged with the duties and responsibilities of government. But it is the right and duty of the Church to instruct its own members, and to bear testimony before all men, and especially before all rulers and legislators, concerning those principles of righteousness, and justice, and good will, and loving service, which ought to control nations as well as individuals in their relations and dealings with each other. It is also the right and duty of the Church, as a witness for Christ and the servant of the truth, to remind men that nations as well as individuals are amenable to the eternal laws of righteousness, and responsible to God the moral Governor of the earth, who will assuredly punish them if they do not fear Him and keep His commandments, and deal justly with each other and with all men.

Therefore, we, the representatives of the congregations and synods of the United Lutheran Church in America, in Convention assembled, declare our solemn conviction,

(1) That nations, no less than individuals, are bound by the moral law, and are responsible to God the Judge of all the earth, and that He will most surely punish and ultimately destroy them if they do not deal justly, and love mercy, and walk humbly before Him.

2. That the only true and certain way of peace and prosperity for nations as well as for individuals, is the way of repentance, and confession, and amendment of their ways, when they have sinned against God or towards each other.

(3) That the Christian law of love and justice demands that the autonomy and rights of the weaker nations should be recognized by the strong nations, that the rights of minorities, whether racial, political or religious should be respected and protected, and that freedom of religious faith and worship should be everywhere guaranteed.

(4) That the great Christian nations of the earth should use all the

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moral and political influence and economic pressure which they can command to stop the oppression, and persecution, and cruel treatment of Christians in the Orient, especially the Armenians.

(5) That the maintenance of great standing armies, and great navies, whether of the sea or of the air, not only imposes heavy and oppressive burdens on the people, and involves an appalling waste of the economic resources and the man power of the nations, but also constitutes a constant menace to the peace of the world.

(6) That the steps toward disarmament taken at the Conference in Washington, in which we greatly rejoice, should be followed up speedily by further efforts to induce all the nations to reduce their armaments by mutual agreements to a purely peace basis such as would be required only for the preservation of good order and the security of life and property within their own borders.

(7) That our own nation, because of its strength and its great wealth and abounding prosperity, and because of its commanding place and influence among the nations of the earth, has special moral and international duties and responsibilities, and should take the lead, or most fully support and co-operate in all movements looking to the observance of international law, the securing of international justice and good will, the preservation of international peace, and the settlement of all disputes between nations by referring them to international courts of justice or boards of arbitration instead of by an appeal to arms.

(8) That all Christians everywhere should use all their personal influence and rights as citizens to secure the election or appointment to offices of a national character, of just and righteous men who will administer the affairs of government in such manner as will best serve the interests not only of their own people, but also of all people of whatever nation or race, and should pray unceasingly for the universal prevalence of peace and good will, that so the Church of Jesus Christ may fulfill its God-given task, the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done.

The Rev. Paul W. Koller, for the Committee of Reference and Counsel, submitted the following resolutions which were adopted:

1. Resolved, (a) That the Executive Board be instructed to make a study of the Constitution and By-Laws of the United Lutheran Church during the coming biennium to discover whether any amendments of said Constitution would be desirable.

(b) That all Synods, Conferences, pastors and laymen connected with the United Lutheran Church be asked to send to the Executive Board any suggestions they may care to make along this line.

(c) That the Executive Board be instructed to report their findings to the next Convention.

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2. Resolved, That for the official Minutes the Secretary be authorized to make any change in form but not in substance in the reports of Treasurers now appearing in the Bulletin that may be agreed upon by the Treasurers of the Boards and the Finance Committee of the Executive Board.

3. Resolved, That it is the sense of this Convention that the President of the United Lutheran Church be the Chairman of the delegation to the International Lutheran Convention at Eisenach. Signed, A. POHLMAN.

The Committee of Reference and Counsel submitted also the following:

EASTERN EUROPE—WESTERN ASIA.

In view of the fact that within the coming biennium it will no doubt be possible to undertake a mission in Eastern Europe and Western Asia,

Resolved (1) That as soon as the opportunity arises, the Board of Foreign Missions is instructed and authorized to take the necessary steps.

(2) That the approach to this enterprise, if practicable, be made in collaboration with the Leipsic Lutheran Missionary Society, which already has resolved to undertake work in this territory and which welcomes our collaboration.

(3) That to enable the carrying out of this enterprise, the sum of $20,000 be added to the apportionment, beginning as soon as enterprise is initiated, the additional amount to be used only for this purpose.

On motion this matter was referred to the Executive Board.

On motion the hearing of official visitors was made the special order of the hour.

The Rev. G. A. Brandelle, D.D., President of the Augustana Synod, the Rev. Oscar A. Strom of the Norwegian Lutheran Church and the Rev. Victor Koivumaki of the Suomi Synod addressed the Convention and President Knubel made fitting response to each of them in turn.

The President stated that the order of the day was deferred business. He thereupon called for the part of the report of the Executive Board (III, B, 2, c) concerning United Christian College in India. The item including the actions of the Executive Board was adopted.

The item of the Executive Board's Report concerning the Common Service Book Committee (III, C, 2) was adopted.

The third item of deferred business was the matter referred

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earlier in the session to the Committee on Moral and Social Welfare.

The Chairman of the Committee read the Section concerning Christian Citizenship as revised. The section was adopted. He read also the section concerning the Near East, which was adopted.

The Report was adopted as a whole.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the action of this Convention approving recommendation first of the representative in the Advisory Board of the American Bible Society of the United Lutheran Church adopted last Friday be rescinded.

The Rev. E. M. Gearhart, Chairman of the Committee on President's Report, submitted the following which was adopted:

Report of Committee on President's Report

Your Committee appointed to consider the report of the President presents the following:

The report contains no recommendations calling for action by this Convention.

In the first part of the report, the President discusses *Orderliness* in the external organization of our Church, states his conception of the respective functions of its various executive and judicial agencies in their relations to each other and to the United Lutheran Church as a whole and considers whether or not increase of centralization of power in the United Lutheran Church, over that which exists in our three merged general bodies, imperils congregational vitality and initiative. So far as this part of the report dwells on matters covered by the Report of the Commission of Adjudication heretofore presented to this Convention, it would be presumptuous for us to comment upon it. So far as it dwells upon other phases of the question, we commend it to the most thoughtful attention of our people as highly suggestive and worthy of consideration.

In its second and main part, to which the attention of our whole constituency is especially invited, the President discusses the inner life of the Church today, the spiritual reality which its outward form should express. In a presentation most masterly and comprehensive, revealing a deep insight into the causes of present religious unrest and pointing out its dangers and its only cure, he shows that the church must provide mankind with both a faith and a service, a faith in Christ and a service, not only of, but also for Christ, a faith which should be implanted in childhood and nurtured by the home training and family worship, alas, so greatly neglected today, a faith not vague and uncertain, but confessed, confessed not by mere repeti-

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tion of formulas, but through living witnesses, manifesting itself in a service of Christ to men, but, more than that, in a service to men for Christ. The "Social Gospel" alone can not bring the Kingdom of God. God's will must not alone be done, it must be loved. "The Church can not be serving Jesus Christ unless it is converting men to love God and His will," which men do not do as they naturally are, modern exaltation of mankind and the human reason to the contrary notwithstanding. And so the serving love of the Church must be grounded in its confessed faith and, above all, must lead men to the Christ confessed. Shall we not search our hearts and ask ourselves, with our President, "Is our service unqualifiedly of Christ and for Christ," and, while we humbly confess our faults, pray for one another and for our Church.

Respectfully submitted,

E. M. GEARHART, *Chairman*
L. RUSSELL ALDEN, *Secretary.*

The Rev. Chas. P. MacLaughlin, Chairman of the Committee on Proceedings of Constituent Synods reported. The Report was considered by items.

Report of Committee on Proceedings of Constituent Synods

Your Committee would respectfully report that nineteen separate memorials have come from the Constituent Synods of the United Lutheran Church, and have been considered by the Committee. Inasmuch as many of them tend to re-enforce or duplicate each other, the Committee has classified them according to subjects and submits them as follows:

I. *Relating to Simplification of the Standard Parochial Report Blank.*

Your Committee recommends:

First:—That this matter be left to the Statistical and Church Year Book Committee of the United Lutheran Church with recommendation that the Standard Parochial Report Blank be simplified wherever possible, without impairing its educational and statistical value.

Second:—That the Statistical and Church Year Book Committee be instructed to prepare complete and uniform systems for Parish Records and congregational activities to facilitate the keeping and the reporting of adequate and accurate congregational statistics.

II. *Relating to Support of United Lutheran Chaplains.*

From the New York and New England Synod.

Your Committee recommends:

First:—That, for the use of the United Lutheran Chaplains in the Army and Navy, this Convention make adequate provision for equipment not provided by the government, such as communion sets, Bibles, Testaments,

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hymnals, stationery, etc., which are required for the proper execution of a chaplain's work.

Second:—That the same provision be made for United Lutheran Chaplains of the National Guard and Naval Militia.

Third:—That this work be in charge of the new Standing Committee on Army and Navy Work created by this Convention.

III. *Relating to Atlantic Seashore Churches.*

From the Ministerium of Pennsylvania.

Your Committee recommends that this request, "that the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the United Lutheran Church take into serious consideration the providing of representative seashore church buildings beginning at Atlantic City," be referred to that Board.

IV. *Relating to Consolidation of Seminaries at Hartwick, Gettysburg, Selinsgrove and Philadelphia.*

From the Pittsburgh Synod.

Deeming it inexpedient to form such a Commission at this time, your Committee recommends that no action be taken.

V. *Relating to Jurisdiction of the Siebenburgers.*

From the Pittsburgh Synod.

Your Committee recommends that the interests of the Siebenburgers be transferred from the jurisdiction of the Immigrants Mission Board to that of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.

VI. *Relating to Support of Homes for the Aged.*

From the Pittsburgh Synod asking to be relieved from support of the National Lutheran Home for the Aged.

Believing that this request sets an undesirable precedent in relieving any one Synod from the support of the General Work of the Church, your Committee recommends that it be not granted.

VII. *Relating to* 1926 *Convention.*

From the Ministerium of Pennsylvania.

Your Committee recommends that the request to hold the 1926 Convention of the United Lutheran Church in Philadelphia, be referred to the Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church in America, the Convention to be held there if the Executive Board finds it expedient.

VIII. *Relating to Eligibility to United Lutheran Church Executive Board.*

From the East Pennsylvania Synod.

This memorial; reading as follows:—"No one shall serve as a member of the Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church and as President of a District Synod at the same time"—your Committee recommends for favorable action.

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IX. *On the Time of the United Lutheran Church Conventions.*

a. From the California Synod.

b. From the Alleghany Synod.

The substance of these memorials, asking that the Convention of the United Lutheran Church be held in the early summer or early in the Trinity Season, your committee recommends for favorable action, and to be put into operation by the Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church as soon as possible.

X. *On United Lutheran Sanatorium in the Southwest.*

From the Rocky Mountain Synod.

Your Committee recommends that the memorial on establishing a Tuberculosis Sanatorium of the United Lutheran Church in the Southwest, be referred to the Inner Mission Board of the United Lutheran Church.

XI. *On Headquarters of Board of Home Missions and Church Extension in Chicago.*

No less than seven communications have come to the Committee on this question.

Inasmuch as the United Lutheran Church decided at the Washington Convention two years ago to locate this Board in Chicago, your Committee recommends that the action taken at Washington shall stand.

XII. *On Presentation of General Causes.*

From Synod of New York and New England.

Inasmuch as this memorial directs the Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church "to appoint one man to present all the general causes at the different synodical conventions," your Committee recommends that this memorial be referred to the Executive Board, and if deemed wise, authorized to act accordingly.

Respectfully submitted for the Committee,
CHARLES P. MACLAUGHLIN, Chairman.
CARROLL J. ROCKEY, Secretary.

Item I, Recommendations 1 and 2, adopted.

Under discussion of Item II the report was recommitted.

The Rev. F. E. Jensen presented the Report of the Immigrants Mission Board, calling special attention to the port work. He then introduced the Rev. A. L. Ramer, Superintendent of the Slovak and Hungarian Department, the Rev. F. Scarpitti of the Italian Department and the Rev. Victor Koivumaki of the Finnish Department, each of whom addressed the Convention concerning that interest of the Board which he represented.

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REPORT OF THE IMMIGRANTS MISSION BOARD

This second biennium report is presented with the growing realization that the work assigned to this Board belongs to the trained specialist. This is becoming more than ever apparent by the testing of methods in the experimental laboratory through which it has been operating since the year 1904. The work of this Board is both unique and fundamental. It is unique because its operations are among foreign speaking people who have come, and are coming, from Central, Northern and Southern Europe, such as the Slovaks, Hungarians, Letts, Finns and Italians. It is fundamental in that it is the only agency in our Church that is gathering and holding these different national groups to the Lutheran Church in America, as well as aiding them to become good Christian citizens of this great Republic. It is thus a work that is for God and Country. Its entire work is essentially constructive. It makes possible a brighter future for Church and State so far as these particular people are concerned. A work of this nature imposes a great obligation upon the entire membership of our Church. In the proportion that this obligation is realized and met will the opportunities for service and corresponding results become more manifest. Your Board has faithfully and economically, too economically, labored in its appointed sphere. It has endeavored to secure the largest possible results with the men and means at its disposal. The calls from every side for missionary ministrations are at times heartrending because of our inability to answer them. Such calls for service are becoming more numerous and more insistent at each quarterly meeting of the Board. These calls are not only from all sections of the United States and from many portions of the Dominion of Canada, but also from Europe. In Europe there is need of a certain kind of visitation among the people in the countries from whence our constitutency come. There should be a work of propaganda whereby these people in the lands across the sea could be cheered, and also be made acquainted with the work of our Church for their respective national groups in America. A closer association should be established between our Church in this country and in the countries abroad. Other American Churches are doing this very thing. Among these is one American Lutheran body. One of our missionary pastors has done some of this work during the year, on his own charges while spending his vacation there. Our Board for lack of means has not even dared to attempt a beginning in this important branch of work. It is nevertheless an essential work that is making its strong appeal for recognition in this day.

The problems of this Board are not only those usual to mission work. It has these plus the problems peculiar alone to it in dealing with foreign groups who are separated nationally and racially, and often antagonistic to each other. These foreign groups are linked up intimately with their

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brothers across the sea who have for centuries been denied their full liberties. These latter have come into their full rights racially, politically and socially. It is but to be expected that the problems confronting the Board at such a time as this are unusual. The countries whence these foreign groups have come and are coming are passing through great transitions. They are developing under new and untried political situations. All is in a state of upheaval, confusion and uncertainty through change. It is truly a time when men's hearts are failing them for fear. This unsettled condition abroad has its reflex discouraging influence upon the people from these respective countries who are now in America. These people want recognition, full and undiscriminating, with those who are long settlers here or native to this land. Just here is where one of our most serious problems looms up big. It is looked upon as unjust discrimination, not to say race prejudice, on the part of our great United Lutheran Church in America when the constituency of The Immigrants' Mission Board do not receive the same consideration as, for instance, the constituency of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension. As our Board dare not discriminate between one foreign group as against another foreign group, so also one group in the home mission operations of our United Lutheran Church, though such group be foreign speaking, dare not be discriminated against in having any special favors granted to another group though such group may be English speaking. All Home Mission work should be given equal rights and privileges. It is a delicate situation that has developed. It is becoming more aggravated as the months go by. The Church must aim to serve all groups without discriminating against the one, and favoring the other. This has particular reference to the matter of Church Extension Loans. The discrimination here has developed into a real grievance. In all the years of its history the Immigrants' Mission Board has had no Church Extension aid. Some hope was brought to it in the resolution bearing on this at the Washington Convention. That hope has long passed. It never materialized into even a remote possibility. Another two years without a change in this unjust situation! Our foreign speaking Lutherans have come to feel that they are not in the same class with their brethren, the English speaking Lutherans. And yet we boast ourselves of being a polyglot Church, a world Church! We treat the people of the heathen world better than those of our own world and Church. Paul says, "Let us do good unto all men, especially unto them that are of the household of faith." Our Board is in great need of Church Extension Loans. Let it no longer remain a Church Extension for a part, but become a Church Extension for the whole. If this cannot be assured at the Buffalo Convention, then the convention should make provision whereby an adequate Church Extension Fund be provided in other ways for The Immigrants' Mission Board. It is not a question of administration, but a question of provision. The details can be satisfactorily worked out by the proper authorities. When we see the slow development of some of our missions we are made sad and almost discouraged. This slow development has but

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one cause—the woeful lack of funds with which to provide suitable places of worship for our people. In the city of Philadelphia the Board has two missions that are literally blind, halt and maimed, and almost ready to give up the ghost. Only a miracle can keep them alive without adequate Church extension aid. Neither has a suitable place of worship. The Philadelphia work is reaching out to the Letts and Russians in the one mission, and in the other to the Italians. The work is really failing under two able missionaries because neither has a Church building. They must adapt their time and method of services to the congregations owning and worshiping in the respective Church buildings. Monessen, Pa. is another striking and discouraging illustration of this same situation. Here it is the Italian work that can never go forward as the opportunity offers because the mission congregation has not a property of its own. We could enumerate other equally striking cases. These should be sufficient to awaken our Church to a disastrous situation.

A special committee of our Board has been appointed and directed to present a resolution on this vital matter to the Buffalo Convention.

More Foreign Speaking Pastors Needed.

Another of our many varied and peculiar problems is that arising from the lack of a sufficient number of foreign speaking ministers. There is an increasing number of fields calling for pastors. One work of our three Superintendents is to search out the uncared for and scattered groups of foreign speaking people in all portions of our land, as well as in Canada. They come to the Board with appeals for men to become settled missionary pastors to shepherd these shepherdless ones. In spite of the steady growth in the number of splendid students in preparation for the Board's mission work, and also the gratifying increase in the number of men completing their course of preparation and becoming ordained to the Gospel Ministry each year, there is an increasing lack of workers because of the rapid growth of the field. Here again the harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few. This results in the overworking of a number of our pastors, on the one hand, and the inability to care for the unreached multitudes on the other hand. So far as possible a certain percentage of the people are reached through the itineraries of the Superintendents at infrequent intervals, and also during the vacation period and student supply over the year. This at its best is not satisfying to the people thus partially served. The Board is straining itself in using every possible means to minister as best it can to all who are in need of Word and Sacrament. The one and only hope lies in the production of more trained missionary pastors. One of the main efforts of this Board, therefore, has been and is the securing and training of capable, consecrated men for its mission work. The search for the right kind of men is always going on. Securing these, provision must be had for their training in Academy, College, and Theological Seminary. The Board has twenty-three students in training at the present time.

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Student Aid a Necessity.

In this connection the Board makes grateful mention of the fine help that has been given our student training work by the Women's Missionary Society of the United Lutheran Church. This Society has been a sympathetic and loyal helper at all times. If it were not for this aid the Board would not have found it possible to carry on this work to the extent it has gone. We are happy to record, and greatly encouraged in so doing, that the Women's Missionary Society has made out a program promising a larger amount of aid for the coming biennium. This will materially assist the Board to take on more students, and as a result more pastors will be provided for its mission work.

We would also here call attention to the commendable help of one of our Lutheran business men in this student aid work. He has supported through the Board, a student, taken out of his factory five years ago, and made it possible for him to complete his College and Seminary course. This man was ordained last June at the meeting of one of our Synods. He is serving two congregations (Hungarian), preaching in Hungarian and English. Is there any better investment?

The Board is also thankful to congregations and Synods who are aiding in the support of students.

Student Instructorship.

In addition to the regular courses of study that our students follow in common with their fellow students in College is that of a special instruction to enable them to preach and teach in a pure literary language of the foreign group to which they belong. They are also trained under this special Instructor in the Church usuages and liturgical forms of the people amongst whom they are to minister. It can readily be seen how necessary such special instruction is when the facts are stated that almost without exception these students are American born, have been in the Public Schools of their community, speak English well, but the foreign language they have acquired is a dialect and impossible for use in their coming pulpit ministrations. The special Instructor employed by the Board is a pastor of wide experience, and one fitted for this work. He gives one day in each week to the students. As the students progress in the study of grammar, reading, etc., they take up Church forms, hymns, Bible and Bible stories, so as to make them thoroughly familiar with the usuages and the material needed to be had for their ministerial work. The Board, in its practice of using the students in its missionary work, also gives them an opportunity to put into practical use the things they learn under this special Instructorship. All our students, except the Italian, are trained in our Lutheran Colleges. It has been necessary to have our Italian students attend The Biblical Seminary, New York, as the only suitable place, for the time being, to receive the essential knowledge of the Italian language, history and customs. The Finnish students attend their own Suomi College

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in Hancock, Michigan. All of our men students, however, attend one of our United Lutheran Church Theological Seminaries for their Theological training.

In the case of our women students arrangements have been made whereby the Deaconess Motherhouses at Philadelphia and Baltimore are to be used. The number and classification of male students at the time this report is made is:

Slovak, Hungarian, Windish	17
Italian	3
Finnish	3
Total	23

PORT WORK.

Millions in Europe are dreaming about America. Their one great ambition is to come to America. In their dreams they are joining their more fortunate brethren who safely arrived upon the shores of this land of promise in the near or distant past. Their one hope is to be able to do likewise. Now many are hindered, perhaps, because of the restrictive three per cent. immigration law. Yet a goodly number are coming. How are they, brethren of our faith, received when they arrive at one of our ports of entry, particularly at the port of New York? Not being immigrants we give this matter no thought at all. The immigrants entrusted to the care of The Immigrants Mission Board are not received at all by anyone of the Board's representatives. In so far the Church is guilty of a great and sore neglect. Our Board is convinced of the need of having at least one port missionary in the port of New York. Most of the other national groups have this provision. Negotiations have been going on with the hope that the agency now established would care for this work in conjunction with our Board. This has not materialized. A special committee of the Board is charged with the duty of looking for a suitable man for this port work service. The Board must also find the means whereby such a man can be supported. In this work our Board is associated with seven other Lutheran agencies who are caring for the immigrant and emigrant arriving and deparing at the port of New York. These Lutheran agencies except our own have their port missionaries, and most of them have their mission homes established. They have a general Lutheran Conference which will be of great assistance to our Board when it has a paid worker in the field. In the preamble, and in article 2 setting forth the objects, is stated the excellent character of this organization:

"Whereas, after the holding of several meetings made up of representatives of Lutheran agencies operating in the port of New York in caring for the immigrant and emigrant, it has been found advisable to organize these agencies into a general conference, and, Whereas, at a meeting of representatives of these agencies held in New York, Oct. 21, 1921, it was unanimously resolved that such conference be and is hereby organized.

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subject to the approval of the agencies represented, be it now, therefore, Resolved, that we unite in the adoption of the following constitution. (Article II. Objects.) (1) To establish and maintain mutual acquaintance and understanding among the Lutheran Immigrant missions and workers operating in the port of New York; (2) to facilitate co-operation in caring for the immigrant and emigrant and other persons who may need the help of the Church; (3) to aid the representatives of the Lutheran Church in their co-operation with the United States Government in the interest of this work."

By these extracts it can be seen what an important aid such a general Lutheran Conference will be in this port work. By it our Lutheran interests will be properly represented, and the right recognition received at Washington. It enables our Church to get together through its different agencies, and thus properly co-operate in caring for the arriving or departing Lutheran who needs the Church's aid. But this excellent Lutheran Conference will not avail anything for our Board unless it also has its own agent at work there. Such a worker must be placed, and at once. It will afford inestimable help and comfort to the immigrant at Ellis Island amidst the tangled maze of things that there surround and confuse. Direction will also be given by such a worker to each one served as the final entry to the United States is made. A connection, in this way, will be established between the Church and the immigrant that will safeguard the immigrant, and also tend to bring him into his new Church environment in this country. In every instance it is necessary that a worker to have access to Ellis Island must have a government pass. The securing of such a pass will be facilitated by the General Lutheran Conference referred to.

Citizenship Work.

In co-operation with the Citizenship Department of the Department of Labor, Washington, D. C., our Board has been directing its missionaries, and also getting the co-operation of foreign speaking pastors not on its missionary roll, to aid in every way possible the work of citizenship training. As the pastors come into relation with this department of work, and learn to know its real purpose and its fine fruits they are enthusiastic in its support. An excellent program of work is being developed here that is commended by all who know it.

Superintendents and Departments.

The Board has three departments of work, with a Superintendent at the head of each. The Slovak and Hungarian department, including also the Windish, Lettish and Russian directed by Rev. A. L. Ramer, Ph.D.; the Italian department directed by Rev. Fortunato Scarpitti; the Finnish department directed by Rev. Victor Koivumaki. In the work of each Superintendent is included that of itinerant preaching to scattered groups of the Board's constitutency not served by our missionaries, nor organized into congregations. This itinerant work is one of the very essentials of our

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operations because of the lack of men and the greatly scattered multitudes to be served.

THE SLOVAK AND HUNGARIAN DEPARTMENT.

The work of our Board must of necessity be divided according to the several racial groups ministered to in its missionary operations. At first it was only the Slovaks that received the Board's attention. Then followed the additional group known as the Hungarian. Later were added the groups of Lettish, Windish, Siebenberger-Saxon, etc., under the faithful charge of the Rev. A. L. Ramer, Ph.D. Under his care this department practically covers the entire territory of the United States. The great expanse of territory, with an insufficient number of workers, makes it a most difficult task to reach, at least once a year, the many settlements where these foreign speaking groups are found. As our people become established in a community they are less satisfied with the few services the Board is able to provide. This brings on an ever increasing demand for more pastors to continuously supply their spiritual needs.

The following figures will reveal the number of established mission congregations, according to each national group, and also present the wide area of the itinerant work of Dr. Ramer:

Slovak	Pastor	Paying Members	Communing Members	Church Building	Parsonage
Philadelphia, Pa.	Rev. J. M. Bellan	25	46	Yes	Yes
Trenton, N. J.	" " " "	35	48	Yes	No
Pottstown, Pa.	" " " "	18	42	Yes	No
Camden, N. J.	" " " "	14	36	No	No
Irwin, Pa.	Rev. Paul Putra	50	45	Yes	Yes
Claridge, Pa.	" " "	9		No	No
Greensburg, Pa.	" " "	12	21	——	——
Hannastown, Pa.	" " "	10	12	——	——
New Kensington, Pa.	" " "	45	35	Yes	——
North Braddock, Pa.	" " "	50	39	——	——
Skaneateles, N. Y.	" " "	45	47	——	——
St. Clair, Pa.	Rev. M. F. Benko (Supply)	22	42	Yes	——
Detroit, Michigan	Rev. H. Havel	65	45	Yes	No
Grassflat, Pa.	Student Jos. Abraham	74	56	No	No
Garfield, N. J.	Student Andrew Balaska	42	97	No	No
Procter, Vt.	Rev. L. Sanjek (Supply)		58	No	No
South Bethlehem, Pa.	Student Geo. Billy	41	20	No	No
Palmerton, Pa.	Student Daniel Adamcik	22	46	Yes	No
Robertsdale, Pa.	Rev. L. Novomeskey (Supply)	18	31	——	——
Hungarian.					
Allentown, Pa.	Rev. Alex. Poloskey	70	71	Yes	Yes
Palmerton, Pa.	" " "	51	53	Yes	——
McAdoo, Pa.	" " "			——	——
New Brunswick, N. J.	Rev. Alex. Szabo	135	87	Yes	Yes
Perth Amboy, N. J.	" " "	57	36	——	——
Buffalo, N. Y.	Rev. B. Schleifer	73	43	Yes	Yes
Detroit, Mich.	Rev. J. Becker	100	24	Yes	Yes
Martins Ferry, Ohio	Rev. Jos. Korntheuer	74	93	Yes	No

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Windish.					
Steelton, Pa.	Rev. L. Sanjek (Supply)	26	18	——	——
Newark, N. J.	Student Stephen Smodis	30	21	——	——
Lettish.					
Philadelphia, Pa.	Rev. Peter E. Steik	45	29	No	No
New York, N. Y.	Rev. John Steik	60	30	No	No
Derby, Maine	Rev. John Steik (Supply)		11	——	——
Roxbury, Mass.	Rev. Carl W. Zelm			Yes	Yes
Sifton, Man., Canada	Rev. W. O. Zahlis (Supply)	54	17	——	——
Libau, Man., Canada	Rev. W. O. Zahlis	23	31	——	——
Bir River, Man., Canada	Rev. W. O. Zahlis	28	2	——	——

THE FOLLOWING PLACES COMPRISE THE ITINERARY OF SUPT. A. L. RAMER.

	Attendance	Communed		Attendance	Communed
Albion, Pa.	80	45	Birmingham, Ala.	12	7
Erie, Pa.	18	16	Muskegon Heights, Mich.	61	48
Grassflat, Pa.	79	56	Bessemer, Mich.	30	20
Phillipsburg, Pa.	41	25	Copemish, Mich.	27	17
Saltsburg, Pa.	49	32	Phillips, Wis.	65	39
Lucerne Mines, Pa.	9	7	Fifield, Wis.	6	6
Coral, Pa.	13	6	Winter, Wis.	7	7
Clarence, Pa.	20	18	Medford, Wis.	7	7
Peckville, Pa.	40	25	——, Wis.	10	10
Washington, Pa.	10	7	——, Minn.	59	43
Tarrytown, N. Y.	13	10	Nashua, Mont.	7	7
Hudson, N. Y.	19	14	Malta, Mont.	2	2
Binghamton, N. Y.	30	24	Belt, Mont.	22	15
Buffalo, N. Y.	21	18	Roy, Mont.	2	2
Dayton, Ohio	16	13	Stockett, Mont.	22	16
Middletown, Ohio	6	6	Sand Coulee, Mont.	48	36
Dover, Ohio	37	14	Everett, Wash.	14	14
Barton, Ohio	22	11	Shelton, Wash.	14	10
Piney Fork, Ohio	40	30	Tacoma, Wash.	25	25
Benwood, W. Va.	19	14	Cle Elum, Wash.	14	14
Gary, Ind.	19	15	Portland, Ore.	4	4
Morgantown, W. Va.	14	10	San Francisco, Cal.	15	12
Disputanta, Va.	20	8	Pueblo, Col.	6	4
Prince George, Va.	4	4	Calhan, Col.	92	39

Supt. Ramer also conducts a systematic visitation to established congregations, both mission and self-sustaining congregations. In all twenty-two such visitations have been made in officiating at installation, dedication and other special functions.

THE ITALIAN DEPARTMENT.

The Italian people are very receptive to the Evangelical faith. They are especially open-minded to the faith, worship and polity of the Lutheran Church. To a very marked degree, due to various causes, they are much out of sympathy with the Roman Catholic Church. This is especially true in America where the Italian soon learns to know that the Roman Catholic Church is not the only Christian Church. Learning to know of

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the Protestant Reformation with its fruits of religious and civil liberty he becomes interested in the Protestant Church. As he comes into contact with the members of the Protestant Church he learns to know this new phase of faith and life which makes a strong appeal to his religious nature. He gradually loses the fear of ex-communication, and makes bold to enter a Protestant Church for worship and instruction. Then begins his transformation in religious faith and life on the basis of the open Bible.

There are five million Italians in the United States. They are coming constantly in large numbers. There is no city of any size where "Little Italy" is not to be found. In these colonies there are from 2,000 to 75,000 Italians. In many of these communities the Church is not established. Without the Church's work it is almost impossible to cope with the agitators who sow the seeds of irreligion, lawlessness and discontent. The Church, co-operating heartily with the government agencies, makes it possible to save the Italian and make of him a good, Christian citizen.

Progress Made.

The Board maintains three Italian missions in Pennsylvania—Monessen, Philadelphia, Erie.

St. Paul's Italian Lutheran Church, Monessen, Pa., is at work among a population of 4,000 Italians. It has recruited a membership of seventy-nine baptized, and a communicant membership of fifty-six. This membership would quickly run into the 100 place if a Church Extension loan could be made to these people. A rented Church used at an unseasonable hour is the only place available for services, and another rented place for the citizenship and social work hinder the proper development of this promising field.

St. Peter's Italian Lutheran Church, Philadelphia, is prosecuting its work under like disadvantages as in Monessen due to the lack again of the use of a portion of the Church Extension Funds of the United Lutheran Church in America. The two places that are used are the English St. Peter's Lutheran Church and the Lutheran Neighborhood House adjoining. There is a lack of proper co-ordination because of the congregation having no Church property of its own. It has been found advisable to start another Italian mission in this city, under our Italian missionary and in conjunction with St. Peter's. It is hoped that the work will so develop in this new section as to warrant the Board in caring for both places—the one a migrant Italian neighborhood, and the other a residential Italian neighborhood. In St. Peter's there are twenty-five communicant members.

Holy Trinity Italian Lutheran Church, Erie, is the most promising Italian mission the Board has organized to date. This is due, very largely, to the splendid co-operation of the Lutheran people in Erie. This co-operation has secured for our Board, what Church Extension has failed to do for it in every other place, namely, the securing of a centrally located Church property, fully equipped for every branch of work needed. The expenditure by the Erie Lutherans will be more than $14,000. The Church property

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is located in the heart of the Italian community with a population of 8,000. This with the additional 2,000 scattered over the city makes a total population of 10,000 Italians in Erie. Our Board is conducting the only Protestant mission in the city for Italians.

The congregation was organized on June 4, 1922 with a membership of twenty, at which time twelve persons were confirmed, Church Council and Trustees elected, and application made for membership to the Pittsburgh Synod. The services are in Italian and English, the Sunday School is conducted entirely in English. The Sunday School has an enrollment of 130. During the week there are conducted, as in our other missions, classes in English and citizenship, and also Welfare Work.

The Church building was dedicated on Sunday, October 16, 1921. The Lutheran people of Erie were greatly in evidence on this auspicious occasion. These good people can justly be proud over their excellent work in that they have made it possible for our Church to have set apart the first Italian Lutheran Church building in America. The appreciation of our Board was expressed at the time of the dedication in the reading of appropriate resolutions thanking the Lutherans of Erie for their good work. Supt. Scarpitti is in charge of this work; assisted by our Italian Theological student, Mr. Lawrence Regini, for the summer. It is hoped to have a settled pastor so as to allow our Superintendent to enter other territory where the door is opening to the Italian work.

The Finnish Department.

This department is conducted in co-operation with the Suomi Synod. The Superintendent, Rev. Victor Koivumaki, and the missionaries are supported half and half by each. The payments of all salaries are made monthly by the Board's Treasurer, the Suomi Home Mission Treasurer remitting the Suomi Synod's portion each month. The Suomi Synod is being drawn very close to our United Lutheran Church by this mission co-operation. It is to be confidently expected that at the next biennium convention of the United Lutheran Church the Suomi Synod will have its application for membership therein.

The Home Mission Committee of the Synod meets at least twice a year with the representative of our Board and the Superintendent of this department so as to properly plan the work. The field of operations covers the United States and Canada. The principal efforts, however, have been made in the West and Northwest of our own land. Supt. Koivumaki has made two surveys of the field, and has accomplished most gratifying results. His work is much of the nature of Supt. Ramer, and gives promise of equally large returns for the Finnish people.

The Finns are found on farms, in coal mines, iron mines, copper mines and silver mines; they are on our lake boats and upon our docks; in city as well as in country they are at work with others helping to build up the country of which they have become a part. They have too long been neglected by our Church. There are three Lutheran Synods working

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amongst them, the strongest and most conservative of which is the Suomi Synod, with whom our United Lutheran Church is closely associated.

There are three Finnish students supported entirely by the funds of our Board.

The following are the names of the Finnish Missionaries and the fields served by them:

1. Rev. Edward J. Isaac, Brantwood, Wis., with congregations at Brantwood, Westboro, Marengo, North York, Pulu, Waino, and Phelps, Wisconsin.

2. Rev. K. V. Mykkanen, Lead, S. Dakota with congregations at Lead, Roubaix, and Buffalo, S. Dakota.

3. Rev. Bruno Vuornos, East Sandwich, Mass., who is the Conference Missionary for the Eastern Conference of the Suomi Synod.

4. Rev. Arvo J. Karhonen, Seattle, Washington, with congregations at Seattle, Aberdeen, Independence, Kent, Issaquah, and Edmands, Washington.

5. Rev. Vilho Ranta, Reedley, California, with congregations at Reedley, Los Angeles, and San Pedro, California.

6. Rev. D. A. Samanen, Minneapolis, Minn., where is a congregation with 314 members not counting the children.

7. Rev. Andrew Karhu, Copper Cliff, Ont., Canada, with congregations in Copper Cliff and Cobalt, Ont., Canada.

The principal places of visitation by Supt. Koivumaki, where he has preached, baptized, confirmed, and administered the Lord's Supper to Finnish Lutherans up to his coming uncared for by our Church are the following:

In Montana.—Red Lodge, Bear Creek, Billings, Roundup, Great Falls, Geyser, Belt, Little Belt, Sand Coulee, Butte.

In Wyoming.—Frontier, Diamondville, Cumberland, Rock Springs, South Superior, Hanna, Medicine Bow.

In Colorado.—Lyons, Denver, Leadville, Telluride, Somerset, Cedaredge.

In Utah.—Helper, Kenilworth, Clear Creek, Scofield, Eureka, Salt Lake City.

In Idaho.—Norwood, McCall, Arling.

In Washington.—Spokane.

In North Dakota.—Brocket, Grand Forks.

In reviewing the work of the three departments of the Board's operations it must be realized what a tremendous task is laid upon us with the small means at the disposal of the Board. Added to this is the great shortage of men to man the fields that are so white unto the harvest. We ask the Church to pray the Lord of the harvest that He provide the laborers and also the means by which the laborers are to be sustained in their missionary work of the Church. From our Lutheran homes must come an ever-

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growing stream of men and women to be trained and sent forth into this essential mission work carried on for God and Country.

NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD MEMBERS.

Six Year Term.

Rev. J. Elmer Bittle, D.D., Pittsburgh, Pa.
Rev. George Gebert, D.D., Tamauqua, Pa.
Rev. E. W. Simon, D.D., Akron, Ohio.
Mr. R. J. Sautter, Buffalo, N. Y.

Four Year Term.

Mr. Frank L. Fox, Erie, Pa., to succeed Mr. Geo. B. Taylor, resigned.

The Board's Operations Require:

1. A salaried Executive Secretary with proper office equipment and help.
2. The extension of its program of citizenship training.
3. The prosecution of the Port work, with salaried Port Missionaries.
4. The establishment, through the port agencies, of close relations with the Lutheran Church in Europe, with special reference to caring for the immigrant and emigrant at port of entry and departure.
5. A foreign speaking Lutheran mission in every place where our Lutheran national groups are located.
6. Sunday Schools, Luther Leagues, Men's and Women's organizations established in all our centers where congregations and missions are established.
7. Field workers for each department of our work.
8. Welfare or Social work in connection with all of the Board's missions.
9. The planning for and educating the Church to the need of a special training school for the Board's missionary force.
10. An adequate appropriation from the United Lutheran Church Treasury fully paid up each month.
11. A definite sum apportioned for the Board's use for its great and crying Church Extension Needs.

Resolutions.

1. That at least $40,000 per year for the coming biennium be granted to the Board, and that at least $10,000 annually be added to this appropriation for the next biennium.
2. That a committee be permitted to present a resolution to the Buffalo Convention setting forth the needs of an adequate Church Extension allowance for the use of the Board to be taken out of the Church Extension Funds of the Board of Home Mission and Church Extension.
3. In view of the present need of Church Extension Funds the Immigrants Mission Board requests that $20,000 annually be set apart by the

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Board of Home Missions and Church Extension for the use of said Church Extension of the Immigrants Mission Board.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. REHRIG, *President*,
FRANK E. JENSEN, *Secretary*.
Harrisburg, Pa.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF IMMIGRANTS MISSIONS.

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

for the Year Ended 31st July, 1921.

RECEIPTS.

	General Fund	Church Extension Fund
United Church	$21,864.00	
United, General and Branch Synods	488.73	
Women's Missionary Society	2,450.00	
Missionaries' Collections	1,799.89	
General Donations	40.80	
Subscriptions to "Slovak Lutheran"	785.50	
Chairman of Committee "More Men for the Ministry".	150.00	
Pittsburgh Synod for Expense of Students Regini and Del'Ossi	400.00	
Henry May for Expenses of Student Poloskey	1,000.00	
	$28,978.92	

DISBURSEMENTS.

Missionaries' Salaries and Allowances	$12,551.64	
Missionaries' Expenses, General	844.20	
Missionaries' Expenses, Moving	286 82	
Education of Students	7,039.36	
Superintendents' Salaries	3,150.00	
Superintendents' Expenses	1,654.66	
Expenses of Other Officers, Board Members, etc.	976.15	
Publication, "Slovak Lutheran"	1,268.41	
Loans to Churches		$500.00
Secretary's Salary	75.00	
Secretary's Office and Traveling Expenses	575.95	
Church Rental	150.00	
Advertising	81.00	
Printing and Stationery	50.64	
Legal and Auditing	$45.50	
Interest on Loans for Churches	105.00	
Certificates of Deposit	2,000.00	
Unlocated Difference in Cash	5.04	
Option on Property, Erie, Pa.	1.00	
	$30.860.37	$500.00
Excess of Disbursements	$1.881.45	$500.00

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RECONCILEMENT OF CASH.

Balance, August 1, 1920	$ 2,905.18	
Add, Receipts as above	28,978.92	
	$31,884.10	
Deduct, Disbursements as above	31,360.37	
Balance, July 31, 1921		$523.73

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS.

for the Year ended 31st July, 1922.

RECEIPTS.

	General Fund	Church Extension Fund
United Lutheran Church on Apportionment	$24,877.60	
United Lutheran Church, General and Branch Synods	88.78	
United Lutheran Church, Women's Missionary Society	4,000.00	
Pittsburgh Synod for expenses of Students Regini and Del'Ossi	750.00	
Suomi Synod, One-half Finnish Missionaries' Salaries and Traveling Expenses	1,872.33	
Henry May for expenses of Student Poloskey	800.00	
Zion Slovak Synod	254.25	
Missionaries' Collections	1,877.09	
Interest on Bank Deposits	12.38	$10.53
	$34,532.43	$10.53

DISBURSEMENTS.

Superintendents' and Missionaries' Salaries and Allowances	$20,145.24	
Superintendents' and Missionaries' General Expenses	2,607.42	
Missionaries' Moving Expenses	234.29	
Education of Students	7,726.07	
Expenses of Board Members	624.98	
Secretary's Office and Traveling Expenses	393.52	
Treasurer's Salary	75.00	
Treasurer's Office and Traveling Expenses	31.45	
Salary of Music Director, Erie, Pa., Mission	300.00	
Salary of Janitor, Erie, Pa., Mission	200.00	
Fuel for Erie, Pa., Mission	114.25	
Bibles, Text Books, Literature, etc., for Missions	197.29	
Publication "Slovak Lutheran"	655.50	
Printing	$177.27	
Auditing	201.86	
Certificate of Deposit	400.00	
Miscellaneous	154.30	
	$34,238.44	
Excess of Receipts	$293.99	$10.53

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RECONCILEMENT OF CASH.

for the Year ended 31st July, 1922.

Balance, August 1, 1921	$523.73
Add, Receipts as above	34,542.96
	$35,066.69
Deduct, Disbursements as above	34,238.44
Balance July 31, 1922	$828.25

Balance Sheet, 31st July, 1922.

ASSETS.

Cash in Bank	$ 828.25	
Certificates of Deposit	2,400.00	
United States Third Liberty Loan, 4¼s	100.00	
Loan to St. Matthew's Slovak Lutheran Church	500.00	
Option on Property at Erie, Pa	1.00	
		$3,829.25

FUNDS.

Church Extension Fund	$ 818.84	
General Fund	3,010.41	
		$3,829.25

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. YOUNG, *Treasurer.*

Philadelphia, 30th August, 1922.

We have audited the accounts of the Board of Immigrants' Missions for the two years ended 31st July, 1922, and we certify that the foregoing Balance Sheet, Receipts and Disbursements, etc., are in accordance with the books of account and are correct.

LYBRAND, ROSS BROS. & MONTGOMERY,
Accountants and Auditors.

Resolution 1 was referred to the Executive Board. Resolution 2 adopted.

By permission of the Convention an additional item in the form of a request was submitted by Secretary Jensen, numbered 3.

On motion of the Rev. J. A. Clutz this request was referred to the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension for their sympathetic consideration and with power to act.

Tellers' Committee No. 4 reported and the following elections were declared.

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Board of Northwestern Missions

For Term Expiring 1928.

Mr. H. Muegge

For Term Expiring 1924

Rev. H. Rembe, Sr.

Board of Ministerial Relief

For Term Expiring 1928

Rev. E. Luther De Yoe
Rev. M. L. Zweizig
Mr. J. H. Brandt
Mr. John F. Ficken
Mr. E. J. Young

For Term Expiring 1926

Mr. J. Elsie Miller
Mr. Wm. F. Schneider
Mr. T. B. Stork

Board of Publication

For Term Expiring 1928

Mr. D. F. Yost

West Indies Mission Board

For Term Expiring 1928

Mr. A. H. Durboraw
Mr. S. F. Telleen

The Tellers having reported that there was no election for the members of the Committee on Jewish Missions, the ballot was restricted to the two who had received the highest votes; namely, the Revs. B. F. Hankey and J. J. Myers.

Board of Education

For Term Expiring 1924

Glenn M. Cummings, Esq.

The Tellers having reported that there was no election for the term expiring 1928 the ballot was restricted to the two who had received the highest votes; namely, Mr. Emil Hokanson and Mr. H. C. Lucky.

Board of Inner Mission

For Term Expiring 1928

Rev. G. H. Gerberding
Rev. J. F. W. Kitzmeyer
Rev. J. F. Ohl
Mr. H. M. Bikle
Mr. C. M. Distler

For Term Expiring 1926

Rev. H. Brueckner

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For Term Expiring 1924

Hon. C. N. Hoover

Board of Deaconess Work

For Term Expiring 1928

Rev. E. H. Delk
Rev. G. A. Getty
Rev. J. L. Hoffman
Mr. C. E. Sadtler
Mr. F. J. Singley

National Lutheran Home for the Aged

Rev. H. Anstadt
Rev. J. E. Frantz
Rev. J. E. Harms
Rev. J. T. Huddle
Rev. R. Schmidt
Rev. F. R. Wagner
Rev. J. Weidley
Mr. L. Russell Alden
Mr. W. K. Butler
Mr. F. W. Kakel
Mr. H. T. Domer
Mr. W. H. Finckel
Mr. J. H. Jones
Mr. G. F. Muth
Mr. A. K. Wagner

The Committee having reported that there was one layman yet to be elected for this Board, the ballot was confined to Mr. H. A. Benner and Dr. E. W. Peery.

Executive Board

For Term Expiring 1926

Rev. W. H. Greever

The Tellers having reported that there was no election for the Parish and Church School Board, the ballot was restricted to the two having received the highest votes; namely, Rev. B. R. Lantz and Rev. F. M. Urich.

The following resolution was offered by the Rev. G. H. Schnur and was adopted:

Whereas, in the prosecution of our missionary labors among Italians, the need of a book of instruction and worship has become evident, therefore be it

Resolved: That the Common Service Book Committee be requested to prepare an Italian translation of Luther's Small Catechism and a brief form of The Service and of Vespers for use in the Italian Missions.

The Report of the West Indies Mission Board was presented by the Rev. H. W. A. Hanson, President of the Board. In connection with the consideration of this report the Convention heard the Rev. Z. M. Corbe, Executive Secretary of the Board, and the Rev. Alfred Ostrom of San Juan, Porto Rico.

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REPORT OF THE WEST INDIES MISSION BOARD

Inasmuch as the report to the Washington Convention contained the history of the origin of this Board together with a full description of its work, this report, that it may not burden the minutes nor consume the time of the Convention, will note only such changes as may have taken place during the biennium, and give such general information as will show the manner in which this Board has discharged its stewardship.

Organization.

The annual election of officers required by the Charter resulted in the election of: President, the Rev. H. W. A. Hanson, D.D., Harrisburg, Pa.; Vice-President, the Rev. C. A. Freed, D.D., Newberry, S. C.; Secretary, Mr. H. F. Heuer, Philadelphia, Pa.; Treasurer, Mr. S. F. Telleen, Chase National Bank, New York City The other members are: Rev E. Belfour, D.D., Rev. F. H. Bosch, M. S. Boyer, M.D., Rev. F. B. Clausen, Mr. A. H. Durboraw, Rev. W. J. Finck, D.D., Mr. C. W. Fuhr, Mr. R. E. Gaskell, Rev. B. F. Hankey, Rev. A. J. Holl, Rev. W. M. Horn, Rev. J. H. Meyer, E. J. Mosser, Esq., Mr. C. A. Rockwell, Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, Jr., Rev. J. J. Scherer, D.D., Mr. H. M. Schmitt; representing the Augustana Synod, Rev. P. J. O. Cornell, D.D., Rev. J. A. Anderson, D.D.; representing the Women's Missionary Society, Mrs. F. F. Fry and Mrs. J. D. Jorgensen; Executive Secretary, Rev. Z. M. Corbé.

In accordance with the action of the United Lutheran Church, and the requirements of our Charter, headquarters have been established in New York City, an office being occupied jointly with the Inner Mission Board and the Board of Education.

Porto Rico.

Even before the Board of Missions for Porto Rico and Latin America turned over its work to the United Lutheran Church, the progress in this field demanded the creation of a new district. This only became possible last year, when an additional missionary was sent to the field. The enlarging opportunities afforded the Church in the Spanish work of the West Indies and Central America demand an increased apportionment that more missionaries may be sent into this field.

I. San Juan District—This, the oldest district, is in charge of the Rev. Alfred Ostrom, D.D., who, with few exceptions, has been on the field longer than any other Protestant missionary. At present his work has its center at Puerta de Tierra, where, with an unusually beautiful church, a parsonage with all modern conveniences, and the entire floor of an apartment building rented for the missionaries' living quarters, we have a superior equipment. At Puerta de Tierra two congregations with separate and distinct organizations worship in a common church building. One is the oldest

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and only English Lutheran organization in Porto Rico, and the other is St. Paul's Spanish congregation.

The oldest work in this district, located in the old section of the city of San Juan, suffered a heavy reverse during the past year. The sale of the property in which we had a rented hall left no place for services except private homes, none of which are sufficiently large. A building similar to this could have been purchased fifteen years ago for $8,000. The same building was sold this year for $75,000. Had the Board in those early days been able to heed the plea of the missionary, the mission would not only have been strongly entrenched but the increased value of the property would almost make the station self-supporting. However, the progress in the Gandul section helps to balance this loss, for its development was such that a property became an absolute necessity. A fine building, well situated, was secured at a cost of $4,500, which, when remodeled, furnished the station with an acceptable chapel and very suitable living quarters for the native missionary.

An unusual opportunity was presented this year in a section where a remarkable experiment in modern city planning is being attempted. The municipality acquired a large plot of ground on which substantial cottages are being erected for working people. These can be leased for three terms of five years each with the privilege of purchasing at the end of any period. As members from our Spanish Churches were moving there, our missionaries saw the necessity of locating a station in Barrio Obrero. When seeking for property it was discovered that at the very reasonable price of $8,000 a location could be secured sufficiently large to provide for the Seminary which is soon to become a fact. This property, within a 5-cent fare of the University of Porto Rico, has been purchased.

Dr. Ostrom was assisted during the biennium by his wife, Mrs. Betty Ostrom, who is now a regularly called missionary with salary. Miss Sofia Probst also gave part time to this district. Sergio Cobian, the native preacher, with his wife, also under salary, have done excellent work. The salaried teachers are Catalina Zambrana and Berta Casos. The statistics for the San Juan District show 306 confirmed and 598 baptized members in the three organized congregations and two stations; in the five Sunday Schools and kindergartens 410 are enrolled; two Luther Leagues with 45 members, and two Women's Societies with 40 members. Notwithstanding the woeful lack of employment, the people out of their poverty contributed $1,300 toward local expenses. The Church property in this field is valued at $50,175.

II. Bayamon District—This district, in charge of the Rev. F. W. Lindke, unlike the metropolitan district of San Juan, covers a large territory and can be supervised only with the use of an automobile. A new machine was sent to the field last year. Mrs. Lindke has been regularly called as a missionary with salary and is doing effective work in the schools. The native preachers are Guillermo Marrero in the

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Bayamon parish, Juan Zambrana in the Dorado parish, German Vazquez in the Monacillo parish. The parish visitor in Bayamon is Ramona Sotomayor and the teachers are Rosario Ojeda and Nicolasa Gonzalez. In the Bayamon parish there are two organized congregations, Holy Trinity and Zion, and a station at Pajaros. In addition to the organized Churches of St. Peter at Toa Baja, Gethsemane at Dorado, and Bethel at Maracayo, there are also the outlying stations of Campanilla, Higuillar and Santa Rosa. Connected with the congregations of Our Saviour at Juan and Domingo and Bethany at Monacillo, are the outlying stations of Juan Velez and Arriba.

The chief change in this district is the erection of churches at Toa Baja and Maracayo. During a fire in Toa Baja, presumably to stop its progress but more probably to destroy the Protestant work, our frame chapel was torn down by the populace. Special offerings from America enabled the Board to erect a beautiful concrete building which cannot meet the same fate. It is the finest structure in town, faces the plaza, is located on our own property and will stand as a perpetual memorial to the power of Protestantism to overcome opposition. The Church at Maracayo, originally a native house, had become so dilapidated that it was unsafe. The people donated ground and labor, which with funds from the Board, built a very presentable frame chapel. This again is the best building in the village, and on the day of dedication, like the Church at Toa Baja, was crowded to suffocation.

The statistical reports give the Bayamon district a confirmed membership of 209, baptized 407, and thirteen Sunday Schools with an active membership of 1,077. There are two Luther Leagues with a membership of 59. By great sacrifices, the people of this poor country section contributed $1,014 toward the support of the Church. The properties in this district are appraised at $29,566.

III. Cantano District—This district was newly created during the biennium and was first served by the Rev. Hans Naether, who in November, 1921, was united in marriage to one of our American missionaries, Miss Emma Schmid. Their place has been ably filled by a professor from Wagner Memorial College, New York City, the Rev. C. F. Knoll, Ph.D., and his wife, Mrs. Emma Knoll, who also has been regularly called as a missionary. The district comprises the organized Churches of Divino Salvador at Catano, and Betesda at Palo Seco, together with the outlying stations of San Tomas and Sabana. The native preacher is Salustiano Hernandez. The statistical reports give the district 133 confirmed members and 274 baptized. The four Sunday Schools enroll 202. There is one Luther League with 30 members. Contributions toward local support amounted to $327. Valuation of property is $15,056.

An interesting feature of the Porto Rico work is the part taken by our missionaries in ministering to the unfortunate lepers that dwell on "the isle of the living dead" in the harbor of San Juan.

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The numerical growth on the field would be greater if it were not for the losses caused by emigration to the United States, where, because we have had no Spanish work, the greater portion of our converts are lost to the world or to the denominations which are conducting Spanish work. With the exception of the English congregation at Puerta de Tierra all our work on the Porto Rico field for twenty-two years has been in the Spanish language.

VIRGIN ISLANDS.

The work in this section of our field is necessarily concerned chiefly with the preservation of the work established during the last three hundred years by the Danish National Church. The magnificent Church buildings and parsonages that are our heritage stand as monuments of the faith of pioneer forefathers and it is our duty as long as Lutherans are there, to continue the services that have been maintained so faithfully throughout the passing centuries. But it requires great consecration on the part of the missionaries, for as rapidly as they win converts they see their number weakened by emigration to New York City.

I. Frederiksted and King's Hill—Pastor J. C. Pedersen has brought to this field the results of his many years of experience in Africa, Australia and South America. He not only conducts services at Frederiksted and King's Hill, but also visits the villages on the estates, conducts services at the Poor Farm and holds regular Danish services. He is assisted by Clerk Reginald McFarlane. The congregation endeavors to look after its poor, especially the old people, who are cared for in cottages belonging to the congregation.

II. Christiansted—During the greater part of the biennium, Pastor George W. Critchlow and his wife worked zealously in this parish. The Pacific Seminary furnished a successor in the Rev. Anton E. Jensen, who with his wife, Mrs. Anna E. Jensen, and daughter, Gladys Jensen, accepted the Board's call and entered upon the work. Being Danish, he was able very quickly to enter into the life of the people. In connection with the attractive Church and large parsonage the congregation owns a property known as Pleasant Grove, where are cottages for old people and an administration building for parish organizations. During the past biennium the congregation has relieved the Board of the support of the parish clerk, Alexander Creagh. The pastor here has the unusual privilege of preaching regularly at the Leper Colony, where his services bring much cheer to these unfortunate people.

III. St. Thomas and St. John—Pastor J. P. Christensen has worked faithfully during the past biennium although the difficulties of serving parishes in different islands are great. He has added street preaching to his duties, at times having over 500 people listening to him, and surprising conversions have been made and backsliders reclaimed. The Church properties at St. Thomas, consisting of an unusually fine Church, a parish

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house, old people's cottages and a parsonage, have impressed tourists with the standing of the Lutheran Church. This congregation also during the present biennium assumed the support of the parish clerk, Amos Benjamin. The Church property in the island of St. John is a frame structure but for the people living in this primitive land without mail service or modern conveniences of any kind, it is considered very commodious. Clerk Carl E. Francis is the able assistant here.

The property in the Virgin Islands erected at the expense of the Danish National Church many years ago, is appraised at $209,000. Statistics show the baptized membership to be 2,047, confirmed 1,058; 703 enrolled in the Sunday Schools, three Luther Leagues with 101 members, one parish school enrolling 35, one Dorcas Society with 14 members, one women's missionary society of 40, and one men's society with 60 members. The local contributions amounted to $8,971.

Works of Mercy—Before the transfer, the Danish National Church, to a great extent, had charge of many charities that in the United States are carried on by the Government. Only such charities have been continued by our Board as the Government will not undertake.

Children's Homes—The Queen Louise Homes for Sick and Neglected Babies, originally established by the Danish Missionary Societies under the patronage of the Dowager Queen Louise, have continued their blessed work among the children of the poor and of the outcast. The Homes have a capacity of sixty children each. The work is divided into three departments—a sick ward where neglected infants are nursed back to health, the day nursery where little ones whose mothers must work in the cane fields are cared for, and the kindergarten. During the past two years the number of nursing days were calculated to be 29,992. Sister Maren Knudsen, the only one of the Danish Deaconesses remaining, has labored most self-sacrificingly at Frederiksted for the past fourteen years and is now on a well-deserved furlough in Denmark. At Christiansted, Sister Carrie Gick, of the Baltimore Motherhouse, has had unusual success during the past biennium, both in parish work and in the Home. Through the kindness of the Motherhouse at Baltimore, Sister Clara Smyre has been loaned to the field as a substitute during the furloughs of Sister Maren and Sister Carrie. Sister Clara arrived on the field the first of June and entered enthusiastically upon her work.

Ebenezer Orphanage—This Home has been doing a great work and is needed in a country where three-fourths of the births are illegitimate, but it is also an institution demanding great sacrifice by those in charge. Sister Emma was succeeded by Miss Nanca Schoen, who had been sent to the Virgin Islands field to build up our educational work. To labor in a Home where there are children who should have been in a home for incorrigibles and others whose mentality is far below normal, requires the sacrifice of a martyr. But Miss Schoen's labors have been so blessed that today the Home is hopefully facing the future. The Government

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authorities have co-operated in providing for the incorrigible and weak-minded, leaving Miss Schoen and her helpers free to enter upon the specific task of the Home and in addition giving opportunity to put into effect a plan for work among young girls similar to that of the Y. W. C. A. in America.

EDUCATIONAL.

Kindergartens—While recognizing the great importance that Christian education plays on the mission field, our income permits us only to undertake a few Christian kindergartens and some first grade work. Were funds available to establish schools as the Roman Catholics are now doing, Protestantism would soon control the entire country. Miss Sofia Probst, in charge of our Christian kindergarten work in Porto Rico, and Miss Nanca Schoen, in charge of the educational work in the Virgin Islands, have both done exceptional pioneer work. During the summer months, through the consecration of our workers, daily vacation Bible schools were conducted in the chief stations. These were so successful that the children begged to have them continued throughout the year.

Industrial—Another recognized need is the establishment of industrial schools. The excellent schools of the Presbyterians have done much to strengthen their work and our missionary forces are planning for similar schools as soon as the apportionment permits. In the meantime, building on the foundation laid by Mrs. Ostrom in the lace industry which she established, classes are being conducted for the more ambitious young people in basket-weaving, lace making and bead work. Through the generous co-operation of the Women's Missionary Society in this country the sale of these products not only provides Mrs. Ostrom's salary, but during the past biennium bought a chapel and parsonage for one of our mission stations, and established a fund for the purchase of material for future sales. The present industry has meant much to the poor people who have little chance to improve their condition. In connection with the industrial school a farm is very essential on which poor people may locate their huts when evicted by heartless landlords. A thank-offering of $300 by Mrs. H. L. McMurray has given us a start in this laudable enterprise and with such a poor farm it is hoped eventually to develop an industrial school.

Men for the Ministry—There has been an awakening on the part of our young men and we have more candidates for the ministry than ever before. But all are poor and having no Synodical beneficiary aid the Board cannot take all who offer themselves. Besides the five men studying in our Missionaries' Seminary, we have two men in Porto Rico schools, partially supported by us, two men who are entirely supported by the Board in American schools, and two who are studying in America at their own expense. Mr. Paul West while studying at Wagner College, is assisting in the care of the West Indian congregation in Harlem, New

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York City, and Mr. Isaac Holness, while studying in the Mt. Airy Theological Seminary, is endeavoring to establish work among colored people in Philadelphia.

Theological Seminary—For some years our missionaries in Porto Rico have endeavored to train their native helpers along theological lines. Recognizing the growing demand for a native ministry and the inadequateness of their equipment, they prayed and worked for a solution of the problem. In answer, the Lord put it into the heart of one of His devoted servants, the Rev. H. L. McMurray, to provide for this need. In 1915 he made a will, directing that after the death of his wife, his property should be given to the Board of Missions for Porto Rico and Latin America "for the purpose of founding and establishing an institution of Christian education for the training of young men for the Christian ministry, said institution to be known as the McMurray Memorial in memory of my little son, Robert Jenkins McMurray." Brother McMurray was called to his heavenly reward on January 8, 1922, and his widow, desiring to see his plans put into immediate effect, has consented to make the funds available before her death on condition that the Board execute an annuity bond in her favor.

Literature—A great handicap in working among people of another language is the lack of literature. While the Bible Societies have furnished Bibles and many good books, as yet no satisfactory Lutheran books are available. The missionaries have done what they could and for years have issued a monthly paper in Spanish, called "El Testigo," in which have been published many valuable selections from Lutheran works. Luther's Catechism and the Augsburg Confession were printed some years ago, and during the past biennium the Principles of the United Church were translated and published, as well as the entire series of "Sunrays" in the Graded Sunday School course. More than a half million of these colored picture cards were used. For some time a Spanish hymnal and service book has been in preparation, which, when finished, will be submitted to the Church Book Committee for further revision and approval. There is also in preparation a series of tracts and pamphlets.

Harlem, New York City.

The work undertaken by this Board among West Indians in New York City has, during the past biennium, grown into a congregation numbering 304 communicant members. This is the largest colored Lutheran congregation in the Western Hemisphere. An immediate necessity is the purchase of a Church property, but $50,000 is the lowest price for which a property can be secured, and that not large enough to accommodate the present congregation. The work is being cared for by the Executive Secretary, assisted by Mr. Paul E. West and Sister Emma Francis, who was transferred to New York City in February, 1922. The congregation is well organized and with proper equipment could more than double its membership during the next two years.

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SANTO DOMINGO.

Anticipating a larger return on apportionment, in which provision had been made for advance work, Dr. Ostrom was instructed immediately after the last Convention to visit the immense field in Santo Domingo. The survey which he made reveals at least three places where the Lutheran Church should immediately begin work, not simply because we have Lutherans already there, but on account of the unusual opportunity for work among Spanish people. This survey is more informing than that of the Inter-denominational Committee, and our prospects would be brighter than that of the Union Movement, which last year put $80,000 into the city of Santo Domingo alone. But it will not be possible for us to enter this field as long as more than one-third of the apportionment remains unpaid.

The great untouched field in Cuba, as well as the work along the Mexican border, constitute fields white unto the harvest. A careful investigation of the Spanish situation in New York City has revealed a field for Protestant work which challenges the Lutheran Church because we have Spanish Lutheran families there. Plans are now under way which will enable us to establish Spanish work in New York.

CO-OPERATION.

Augustana Synod—It is a pleasure to report the support of the Augustana Synod during the past biennium and the interest manifested by their representative. At their recent Convention, this Synod voted to provide the entire support of Dr. Ostrom. At a meeting of our Board on November 8, 1921, the following change in the Constitution was unanimously passed:

"For Article III, Section 4, substitute: 'Other Lutheran Bodies may, with the approval of the United Lutheran Church in America, co-operate with the Board, and may appoint representatives to meet with it as advisory members, and such representatives may be elected by the United Lutheran Church in America, in the regular manner to full membership in the Board; *provided*, however, that the whole number of such members shall not exceed three and that their election shall in no wise, now or hereafter, entitle their respective bodies to any claim upon the property, real or personal, held by or in the name of the Board.'"

This was referred to the Executive Board, which recommended certain changes which were adopted and incorporated in the above resolution and met with the Executive Board's approval. The change will be submitted to this Convention for its ratification by the Executive Board.

We have had the co-operation of the United Danish Synod in supplying a member of that body for our Virgin Island field.

Women's Missionary Society—The co-operation and generous support of the Women's Missionary Society has been one of the most encouraging features of our work. Not only have they assisted us by informing the

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Church concerning our work through the excellent literature which they have published and widely distributed, but they have also largely supported the enterprises of the Board on the field. They have contributed liberally toward the Homes for Sick and Neglected Babies in the Virgin Islands, and the kindergarten work in Porto Rico, and in addition this year provided the entire support of Miss Sofia Probst. Their total gifts during the biennium amounted to the magnificent sum of $4,931.50.

Home Mission Board.—By action of the committee assigning seasons for special appeals by the Boards, our Board was properly placed with the Home Mission Agencies, with whom we co-operated in preparing literature for appeals to the Church.

Deaconess Board.—With the transfer of Sister Emma to America the question arose concerning her relationship to the Deaconess' work of the United Lutheran Church. At a conference of committees from the two Boards, the Deaconess Board agreed to receive her as a Deaconess of the United Lutheran Church and assigned her to the work in New York City. The assistance of this Board in sending Deaconesses to our field and their cordial co-operation in the Inner Mission activities of our Board, especially in the effort to establish a colored Deaconess' Home in this country, is most encouraging and highly appreciated.

Foreign Board.—Since the merger several efforts to obtain a definition of our sphere of activity resulted in conferences with the Foreign Mission Board, culminating in a meeting of the Executive Committees of these Boards at Atlantic City on January 10, 1922, at which time the West Indies Mission Board presented the following proposition:

"*Whereas,* foreign mission work is pre-eminently work among non-Christian people, and

"*Whereas,* the work among Spanish speaking races is a work among people nominally Roman Catholic, and

"*Whereas,* the West Indies Mission Board has been assigned the Spanish work of the Board of Missions for Porto Rico and Latin America,

Be it Resolved, That we agree that the West Indies Mission Board should undertake work among Spanish speaking people wherever the opportunity offers."

A counter proposition came from the Foreign Mission Board to merge the West Indies work with theirs. Special committees were appointed which considered the matter and unanimously adopted the following as a statement of their conclusions:

"After prayerful, patient and harmonious consideration of the problems confronting these two Boards, in view of the importance of the larger interests of the whole Church revealed by this discussion, be it resolved that this joint committee record as its deliberate judgment that the questions of the spheres of the activities of these two Boards cannot be prop-

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erly determined until the United Lutheran Church has given further consideration to the question of the re-allocation of the work at present assigned to its various Boards."

NEGRO SURVEY.

The Washington Convention directed the West Indies Board to undertake a survey of work among Negroes. (See printed minutes, page 439, section 3, Report of Special Committee.)

Acting upon this instruction, the Board, through its Executive Secretary, made an extended study of the Negro in America. The space allotted this report would not permit even an outline of the material gathered for this survey. The consideration of this subject not only from the religious but also from the civil, economic and educational standpoint discloses:

First, that contrary to the popular notion that Negroes are naturally religious and all of them belong to some church, reliable statistics indicate that more than half the Negro population in the United States have no connection with any church, and that, in addition, owing to an inadequately prepared ministry and the constant interjection of racial and political questions into their church life, a large proportion of those enrolled as church members cannot be reckoned as adding anything to the Christian forces of this country.

Therefore, the United Lutheran Church has not only a great opportunity but a very pressing call to preach the Gospel to these seven million unevangelized and unshepherded Negroes of America. Furthermore, the stabilizing influence of the firm convictions and pure faith of the Lutheran Church is sadly needed to strengthen the courage and zeal of Negro Christians who are praying for aid in stemming the tide of racial prejudice that threatens to undermine the faith and life of their churches.

In the second place, while recognizing the existence of this unusual opportunity, we cannot recommend that as a general body we enter this field at the present time because of the seemingly insurmountable obstacles that will prevent successful prosecution of the work. The first and more evident obstacle, although not the more important, is the lack of funds for such an undertaking. To make the faintest impact on this great body of unconverted souls would require an annual apportionment of not less than $50,000, which is an impossibility in the face of the present budget, wherein no Board has received the sum they deemed necessary for the work already established.

But the greater and more important obstacle is the unpreparedness of our people for this bewildering task. In gathering material for this survey it soon became manifest that, even though the funds were on hand, the Church was not ready to adopt a definite program until accurate knowledge takes the place of illogical opinions based on isolated experiences which have fostered prejudices and the sentimentality that govern much of the current discussionss of racial questions.

Our recommendation is submitted at the conclusion of this report.

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REPORT OF TREASURER OF THE WEST INDIES MISSION BOARD

July 31, 1920, to July 31, 1922.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING JULY 31, 1921.

RECEIPTS.

United Church, Apportionment	$37,113.00	
United, General and Branch Synods (Special)	238.08	
Augustana Synod	2,373.83	
Women's Missionary Society	1,910.00	
Loans	7,820.00	
Proceeds From Sale of Securities	5,012.50	
Danish Grants	713.54	
West Indian Lutheran Church, New York City	1,553.70	
Calada Fund	973.60	
Interest on Investments	52.31	
General Donations	488.57	
Transferred From Porto Rico Board	4,044.98	
		$62,294.11

DISBURSEMENTS.

Salaries of Missionaries and Native Workers	$19,320.64	
Salary of Secretary	1,000.00	
Salaries of Clerks, Stenographers, etc.	993.00	
Expenses of Missionaries and Native Workers	2,382.76	
Expenses of Secretary and Board Members (Meetings)	828.99	
Expenses of Missionaries on Furlough	1,067.42	
Mission Literature and General Expenses in the Field	2,019.59	
Donations to Homes, etc. (Support Charitable Institutions	7,510.36	
Loans Repaid	200.00	
Interest on Loans	343.44	
Securities Purchased	14,028.45	
Real Estate and Property Purchased	5,118.40	
Real Estate Maintenance, Taxes, etc.	1,394.61	
Incorporation Expense	1,302.85	
Rental of Office	240.00	
Office Supplies and Expense	126.25	
Postage	86.59	
Publicity	808.90	
Accrued Interest on Securities Purchased	120.68	
Bank Charges for Exchange, etc.	25.39	
		58,918.32
Excess of Receipts		$3,375.81

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BALANCE SHEET, JULY 31, 1921.

ASSETS.

Cash in Banks		$6,630.82
Investments at Cost:		
$4,100 U. S. Victory Liberty Loan 4¾s	$4,022.20	
5,000 U. S. Certificates of Indebtedness, 5½s	5,003.12	
		9,025.32
Real Estate and Buildings at Appraised Values, as annexed		296,375.00
		$312,031.14

LIABILITIES.

Loans	12,020.00	
Interest Accrued on Loans	258.96	
	$12,278.96	

FUNDS.

Special Funds:			
Rev. William Ashmead Schaeffer Memorial	$2,375.00		
Dorado Chapel	1,677.48.00		
West Indian Lutheran Church Building	1,500.00		
Wilkes-Barre Conference Memorial Chapel	1,000.00		
Boys' Orphanage, Toa Boja Chapel and Other Funds	1,006.29		
		7,558.77	
General Fund		292,193.41	
			312,031.14

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the Year Ending July 31, 1922.

RECEIPTS.

United Church on Apportionment	$37,316.40	
United, General and Branch Synods (Special)	239.54	
Augustana Synod	1,942.10	
Women's Missionary Society	3,201.50	
Proceeds From Sale of Securities	5,000.00	
Churches, Committees, etc.	2,486.07	
West Indian Lutheran Church, New York City	1,576.28	
Calada Fund	1,244.85	
Interest on Investments	499.51	
Miscellaneous	579.20	
		$54,085.45

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DISBURSEMENTS.

Salaries of Missionaries and Native Workers	$19,675.64	
Salary of Secretary	1,750.00	
Salaries of Clerks, Stenographers, etc.	1,092.00	
Expenses of Missionaries and Native Workers	3,413.01	
Expenses of Secretary and Board Members (Meetings)	1,110.20	
Expenses of Missionaries on Furlough	1,979.33	
Mission Literature and General Expenses in the Field	988.23	
Donations to Homes, etc. (Support Charitable Institutions)	6,399.00	
Interest on Loans	715.00	
Building Operations	5,873.00	
Real Estate and Property Purchased	6,918.75	
Real Estate, Maintenance, Taxes, etc.	3,420.06	
Rental of Office	260.00	
Office Supplies and Expense	342.44	
Postage and Telegrams	101.80	
Publicity	546.02	
Auditing	319.57	
Bank Charges for Exchange, etc.	16.92	
Designated Funds Transmitted Through Treasurer.	584.69	
		$55,505.66
Excess of Disbursements		$1,420.21

Balance Sheet, July 31, 1922.

ASSETS.

Cash in Banks	$5,210.61
Investments at Cost:	
$4,100 U. S. Victory Notes 4¾s	4,022.20
Real Estate and Buildings at Appraised Values	301,798.21
	$311,031.02

LIABILITIES.

Loans	$14,028.00	
Accounts Payable	1,476.64	
Interest Accrued on Loans	254.34	
	$15,758.98	

FUNDS.

Special Funds:			
Rev. William Ashmead Schaeffer Memorial	$2,375.00		
Dorado Chapel	1,677.48		
West Indian Lutheran Church Building	3,150.00		
Wilkes-Barre Conference Memorial Chapel	1,000.00		
Boys' Orphanage and Other Funds	895.29		
		9,097.77	
General Fund		286,174.27	
			311,031.02

Respectfully submitted,
S. F. TELLEEN, *Treas.*

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Philadelphia, August 28, 1922.

We have audited the accounts of the Board of West Indies Missions of the United Lutheran Church in America for the two years ended July 31, 1922, and we certify that the foregoing Balance Sheet, July 31, 1922, and Statements of Receipts and Disbursements for the years ended July 31, 1921, and 1922, are in accordance with the books of account and are correct.

Very truly yours,
LYBRAND, ROSS BROS. & MONTGOMERY,
Accountants and Auditors.

RECOMMENDATION.

Concerning the survey of work among Negroes, we recommend:

"That for the present the Constituent Synods be instructed wherever opportunity offers and local conditions permit, to undertake work among Negroes and that, as soon as their efforts produce results sufficiently large to demand general oversight, the United Church appoint a general Board to administer the work;

"And, secondly, that the material of the survey by the West Indies Board be referred to the Executive Board, with authority to publish such parts as it may consider helpful in arousing and informing the Church, distributing the same through the Synods, Conferences and Women's Missionary Societies."

H. W. A. HANSON, *President,*
C. A. FREED, *Vice-President,*
H. F. HEUER, *Secretary,*
S. F. TELLEEN, *Treasurer,*
Z. M. CORBÉ, *Executive Secretary.*

Recommendation; First and second parts adopted.

The Report was adopted as a whole.

Moved and carried, that the hearing of the Report of the Jewish Mission Committee shall be the order for tomorrow morning immediately after the Report of the Committee on Associations of Young People.

The session adjourned with prayer by the Rev. J. C. Dietz.

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Evening Service

At eight o'clock on Tuesday Evening there was held in Holy Trinity Church a service at which the Rev. John A. Morehead, D.D., LL.D., presented the subject "The Lutheran Church in the Present Crisis." At this service Dr. Morehead read the following cablegram from Dr. Larsen.

"God's blessing. Remember the hungry and naked children."

The service was read by the Rev. G. A. Getty. The Scripture lessons were Acts 1:1-18, Matthew 25:31-46, Psalm 97.

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SEVENTH MEETING

Morning Session

Wednesday, October 25th, 8:45.

Devotions were conducted by the Rev. Theo. Posselt.

Acting President Burgess called the Convention to order.

The Minutes of Tuesday morning and afternoon sessions were read and approved.

Consideration of Item II of the Report of the Committee on Proceedings of Constituent Synods was resumed. Recommendations 1, 2 and 3 were adopted.

Item III. Recommendation adopted.

Item IV. Recommendation adopted.

Item V. On motion of the Rev. G. A. Benze the item was referred to the Executive Board in connection with the general resolution already adopted concerning the survey of the spheres of Boards.

Item VI. Recommendation adopted.

Item VII. Recommendation adopted.

Item VIII. On motion of the Rev. J. A. W. Haas the item was referred to the Executive Board with instructions to report at the next Convention.

Item IX. On motion of Dr. Benze the item was referred to the Constituent Synods for consideration.

The following resolution was adopted. (Wednesday afternoon, October 25th.)

That the Executive Board be instructed to secure and collate the opinions of the Synods, to report the result to the next Convention, and to report also their own mature judgment after a study of the opinions.

Item X. Recommendation adopted.

Item XI. Recommendation adopted.

Item XII. Recommendation adopted.

The Report was adopted as a whole.

The Report of the Committee on Association of Young People was presented by Mr. Harry Hodges, Secretary of the Committee. Mr. Hodges spoke as representing both the Committee and the Luther League of America.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ASSOCIATIONS OF YOUNG PEOPLE

The Committee on Associations of Young People of the United Lutheran Church in America would submit its report to your honorable body as follows:

The committee met and organized by the election of E. Augustus Miller as Chairman, and Harry Hodges, Secretary.

The committee in compliance with your resolution has been active in securing as far as possible, the reorganization of the various State Luther Leagues along Synodical lines. This objective has been accomplished in many instances, particularly in the West and Middle West, by a merging of Synods in connection with the United Lutheran Church. The District Leagues of Baltimore and District of Columbia will merge shortly into the Luther League of the Synod of Maryland. We have urged the various State Leagues, comprised within the boundary of the Synod of the Northwest to merge into and organize a Synodical League. Difficulty in securing this reorganization along Synodical lines has been experienced particularly in the East, where Synods which form component arts of the United Lutheran Church overlap territorially, sometimes their Bodies extending into several states. To insist upon an immediate change along Synodical lines in some instances we feel would be unwise and therefore have not always urged an immediate reorganization. There are conditions which must be met and we believe we are serving the best interests of the Church in going slowly and not insisting too strenuously upon the change in some localities. The reorganization must be accomplished in some instances gradually and as a matter of development.

During the past Biennium, several young people's missionary federations have affiliated with the Luther League of America, also many local Christian Endeavor Societies. We feel, however, that a recommendation or resolution from the United Lutheran Church, further urging all of the Young People's Societies to become organically connected with and an integral part of the Luther League of America would be a large help in securing the active co-operation of our Christian Endeavor Societies.

We regret to report that the Canada League has withdrawn from the Luther League of America, but, as a result of correspondence we sincerely hope that they may be induced to reunite with and become part of that organization.

With the sanction of the Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church the Luther League of America has entered into an agreement with the Women's Missionary Society and the Church and Parish School Board in the co-ordination of Junior Work. This has resulted from various conferences which have been held in which representatives of this committee have participated. We sincerely trust that the arrangements made may prove satisfactory and helpful and may remove any cause of friction between these various agencies of the United Lutheran Church.

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We are pleased to report that by an arrangement made with the editors of *The Lutheran*, the Young People's Page in that periodical is being edited by the Luther League of America through its representative.

At the coming Convention of the Luther League of America to be held in September of the present year, the various changes and amendments to the Constitution recommended by this committee and approved by the Executive Committee of the Luther League of America will be presented for action, and it is our firm hope and belief that the same will be duly ratified and adopted by the Convention. In this connection, we are pleased to report also that the new objective which will be recommended for adoption at this Convention of the Luther League of America is as follows:

The objects of this League shall be to encourage the formation of Young People's Societies in all congregations of the United Lutheran Church in America, to stimulate Christian activity in and to foster the spirit of loyalty to the Church through Education, Mission, Life Service.

A. *Education*—Bible Study, Topics, Reading Courses.

B. *Missions*—By the encouraging of the specific study of missions and definite missionary work by local, district and Synodical leagues.

C. *Life Service*—By directing the thought of the young people to the service of the Church, both as a vocation and as an avocation.

It is proposed to organize three new departments along the line of the above objectives and to place them in charge of competent heads. This, in the judgment of your committee will mean much in the life of the League and the Church.

In conclusion your committee desires to express its pleasure at the progress and development of the Luther League of America and to commend the careful, conservative, churchly, constructive work which is being done by the management of that organization. We bespeak for this great organization the sympathetic consideration and the prayers of the members of the Church.

SUGGESTED RESOLUTION

Resolved, that the United Lutheran Church again calls the attention of the young people's societies, both federations and local organizations, to the adoption of the Luther League of America, as its official young people's organization and urges their loyal affiliation with it.

Respectfully submitted,

E. AUGUSTUS MILLER, *Chairman.*

The resolution was adopted.

The Report was adopted as a whole.

The Rev. L. H. Larimer presented the Report of the Committee on Jewish Missions and introduced the Rev. Paul I. Morentz who addressed the Convention concerning the difficulties and results of the work.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JEWISH MISSIONS

Among the many problems of our present-day world the problem of the Jewish race occupies a position of dominating importance. Unjustified condemnation of an entire people and deliberately nursed prejudices are singling out the Jew as the main and sole spring of all the evils of our present day. It cannot be denied that such a problem exists and that its proper solution will mean an enormous step forward in the development of mankind. The ancient people of Israel are a most valuable part of humanity. Theirs are characteristics which to this day place the men of the Old Testament, from Noah and Abraham to Isaiah and Amos, not to speak of the Apostles and Martyrs in the New Testament, among the most impressive and lovable figures in human history. Profound in thinking, fervent in religious devotion, strong in patient endurance, exemplary in filial piety, unsullied in marital fidelity—the true Jew even today holds much which makes him worthy of our esteem, sympathy and friendship. That the large majority of the Jews today are the chief exponents of the materialistic spirit of the age is plainly due to the fact that they have lost the faith of their Fathers and have become modern heathen. That a man without faith and the guiding influence of religion means a serious menace to mankind is clearly demonstrated by the Jewish people. Drifting away from his religious foundations, the Jew was offered nothing to fill his spiritual wants. The great Christian Church with her multitudes of believers, her temples and institutions everywhere throughout the civilized world, her spirit dominating the structure of public life, her standards of morality justly aspiring to leadership over the entire globe—this same great Christian Church, for eighteen centuries, has failed to recognize her divinely imposed duty to offer the Gospel of salvation to the Jew at her very door.

If there is such a thing as a menacing problem of materialistic Judaism, it exists because of the negligence of the Christian Church in her attitude towards the Jew. If this problem is to be rightly solved, there can be only one solution in the mind of Christians, and that is, to bring the Jew to Christ by bringing Christ to the Jew. Jewish Missions of the Christian Church, therefore, should claim the undivided attention of all Christendom, and, in order to succeed, command its unqualified support, both material and spiritual.

Concerning the work, under the auspices of your Committee on Jewish Missions as an agency for bringing the Gospel to the Jews, we stand with humility and gratitude before Almighty God, but with no less assurance that Jewish Missions during the past biennium has fully justified the faith of the Washington Convention. Far be it that we glory in our achievements, save that through our humble means the name of the Lord has been glorified before a people who heretofore have stumbled at the name of Jesus, the Messiah. We would respectfully present to the

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United Lutheran Church the various problems which have engaged our attention as a committee.

A. The Extensive Development of the Work.

For over a decade there was but one Jewish Mission station, at Pittsburgh, founded and still conducted by Pastor John Legum. The Merger found another mission just in its earliest stage, at Philadelphia, of which Pastor Paul I. Morentz was and still is the missionary. During the first biennium of the United Lutheran Church, a third station was opened, at Baltimore; and today this work, under the leadership of Pastor Henry Einspruch, is well established. During this last biennium, our activities were again enlarged, not indeed without considerable anxiety on the part of the committee because of its much depleted treasury; but, inspired by the persistent call and promise of the solid support by Toledo Lutherans, the fourth mission station there has been authorized and its doors are being thrown open at the time of this convention. Pastor Isadore Schwarts, an experienced missionary, graduate of Chicago Seminary and formerly head of the Zion Mission of the Norwegian Church at Chicago, has accepted the call to this field and is just now entering upon his new duties. This record shows gradual and conservative progress. The committee's eyes are now turned towards the greatest center of Jewish life in the world—the great metropolis—New York. There, in response to the demands of our New York Lutherans, the fifth mission station will, with the help of God, be opened in the course of the next year.

Such a consistent development of the work will alone do justice to the greatness of the Cause and to the Church in whose behalf the work is undertaken. Not by an isolated local challenge, but by a concerted effort of the entire Church, expressed in mission work distributed over all the sections of the Church, will the problem be solved. The Jew in America must engage our attention. The United Lutheran Church, whose work covers practically every State in the Union and Canada, in its entirety must become interested in a cause which deals with a continent-wide problem.

B. The Intensive Development of the Work.

1. Thousands of Jews have probably for the first time received the Gospel Message, either through personal contact with our missionaries or through the printed word distributed far and wide. An average of 300 Jews come in personal touch with the missionaries each month. During the summer months, the Baltimore mission conducts open air services every Friday evening at one of the principal corners of the Jewish section, at which, from one to two hundred Jews attend every week. Our Pittsburgh missionary is quite a familiar figure not only in Pittsburgh but in the neighboring towns and cities, and wherever he goes, he distributes hundreds of tracts among his kinsmen. Our Philadelphia missionary, located at the headquarters of the committee, receives frequent requests from all parts of the country for literature and tracts. Pastors

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ask for them to have them distributed among the Jews in their community. One convert living at Los Angeles, another at Ashtabula, Ohio, are regularly receiving tracts to supply their Jewish acquaintances. A mission circle at Milwaukee, Wis., obtained several hundred pamphlets which the members faithfully distributed among the Jews of Milwaukee. Who can estimate the blessings which such faithful testimonies may bring about in our future work!

2. Hundreds of Jews have been brought into more lasting contact with the Kingdom through Bible Study Classes, which are conducted regularly on three or four nights every week. They may come there with different purposes in view—to learn the elementaries in reading, writing and arithmetic, or to acquire a knowledge of the English language,—but they will have the Bible truth of the Old and the New Testament taught them in an appealing manner. Many will attend most regularly for weeks or months, the majority of which are led into a full knowledge of Christ and of God's plan of salvation. Out of the larger number, over twenty have been selected by our missionaries, who class them as candidates for baptism. They are receiving regular instruction in Christian doctrine and will one day, we hope and pray, become full and true believers in Jesus, the Messiah. It is a peculiar fact that the average Jew has practically no knowledge of his own Old Testament. He is more familiar with the intricacies of Talmudic teachings than with the plain truth of God's word. Most of those people only learn to know Moses and the Prophets through the instruction in our missions. Progress in this work is naturally slow, especially since we cannot be satisfied with a mere knowledge of Christian truth, but must insist on a full and unqualified personal acceptance of the Christ as their Lord and Saviour and a change of heart and life—in short, a complete conversion. Some of those people will wander from mission to mission for years before they finally gain faith and courage enough to take the last decisive step—Holy Baptism.

3. Our missions compile visiting lists of families and individuals with whom the workers come in contact. These people are called upon regularly and, if possible, other members in their households are approached and influenced. Where we have a fully manned mission, as we have only in one station so far, in Philadelphia, the visiting list will grow to imposing proportions. Missionary, Lay-helper and Woman Missionary in Philadelphia are caring for a flock of 175 families and individuals. There we also have another channel of influencing Jewish home life, in the organized children's work,—a work for the future. With a Kindergarten every morning, classes for older children after school hours, and Sunday School for all, the work can be considered fairly well established. Eighty-three children are at the present writing enrolled in these different classes under the tutelage of our efficient woman missionary, Miss Florence Shedd. Some day, this seed will grow; some day, some one will harvest where we are now sowing the seed, in patience and in faith.

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4. Lastly, we have our converts. Thousands approached, hundreds influenced and taught, and twelve brought to the final point, to a full confession of Jesus Christ in Holy Baptism. What are these among so many! Is is only in due recognition of the sublime value of the Christian Sacrament of Baptism that this rite is not performed more generally and indiscriminately by our missionaries. Realizing the difficulties which contempt and persecution by his closest kin will bring over the Jewish Christian, his character and his faith must be firmly established, before, in justice to him and to the Christian Faith, he can be admitted to Holy Baptism. God be praised for the abundance of His harvest and for the inspiration which such visible fruits of our humble efforts instill into our workers and friends of our Cause.

One of our converts was present at the baptism of Pastor Legum which took place at Paris, France, over thirty years ago. During all that period he maintained a deep and sincere interest in Christianity, but only recently could he be led into the full communion of believers.—A prosperous business man in an Eastern town came under the influence of one of our missionaries. The attitude of his family and his fellow-Jews thereupon became so hostile that he sacrificed what might have been considered a promising future, and left the city for the far West. In Los Angeles he was baptized and received into the membership of one of our Lutheran churches.—A young Jewess, married to a Gentile, while visiting her parents, gave birth to a baby boy. Her parents, resenting her marriage to a non-Jew, persuaded her to have the child admitted into the Old Covenant through circumcision. The father, a nominal Lutheran, having learned of this, came to the missionary for counsel and advice. The happiness of a family lay in the balance, as she refused to return with her husband unless he himself would embrace the Jewish faith. She was finally induced to remain with him and then followed frequent correspondence with the missionary, resulting in the baptism of the young mother and baby at one of our Lutheran Churches. Her conversion had the effect that her husband, who heretofore had been rather indifferent to religion, also experienced a change of heart and became an ardent believer and worker for his Saviour.—Another Jewess, baptized together with her son, is one of the most faithful members of one of our city churches, carefully planning and hoping for the day when she can bring her boy into the work of the Christian ministry.—One of our converts will, with the help of God, enter into the ranks of our workers within the coming year. Mr. Samuel Paul Lapidos, a former journalist and teacher of languages in Constantinople, a man of fine scholarly traits, high intellect and sincere piety, is now a student at Mount Airy Seminary.—Is it worth while?

C. General Committee Work.

The Committee sustained a great loss through the death of one of its most valuable members, the Rev. Frank C. Oberly of Washington, Pa. The following resolution was placed on the minutes of the Committee:—

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The Jewish Mission Committee of the United Lutheran Church, in semi-annual session at Pittsburgh, July 11, 1922, desires to record its deep sorrow in the death of the Rev. Frank C. Oberly. His piety, earnestness and efficiency have been most marked in the work of this committee. Not only will his service be missed in the work, but his genial good fellowship as a Christian gentleman as well. We commend to the members of the Committee an emulation of his loyalty and faithfulness. We bow to the will of God in prayer, that His comfort and blessing may rest upon his bereaved family.

The officers of the Committee during the past two years were: Rev. Fritz O. Evers, President; Rev. Loyal H. Larimer, D.D., Vice-president; Rev. Arthur C. Carty, Secretary; Mr. Charles J. Fite, Pittsburg, Pa., Treasurer. The Committee held three one day sessions since the last convention.

It is a matter of pride to your committee that this work could be carried on with such signal success during this biennium, in spite of the fact that we were constantly handicapped in financial matters. Our splendid missionary force was willing to make every necessary personal sacrifice, giving their time and strength, and shouldering all the work they could carry. Without envy, they looked upon the expensive and efficient plants of other denominations, the much larger force of workers in every mission, ever trusting that our own United Lutheran Church will come to realize the needs of our own work and will help accordingly. In order not to burden the depleted treasury of the Committee with an additional risk, they have assumed the financial responsibility for the publication of the "Hebrew-Lutheran", a quarterly, published by them in the interest of the work. In every case, they have heartily co-operated in working out the Committee's financial policy, by which only the salaries of the spiritual workers in the mission and the upkeep of the Mission quarters are paid from the Committee treasury. All other expenses are to be paid from funds raised on the territory of the mission through local initiative. In this way, everyone of our missions is growing into the Lutheran consciousness of its community, actively engaging the interest and co-operation of the Lutherans in whose midst and in whose name they carry the glad tidings to God's ancient people. Philadelphia enjoys the magnificent support of the Philadelphia Lutheran Association for Jewish Missions, an auxiliary with a membership close to 2,000. This organization holds title to the mission property and is just now engaged in improving the building at an expense of approximately four thousand dollars. The Philadelphia missionary, through a special campaign this spring, succeeded in raising twenty-five hundred dollars for the relief of the general treasury. Seven hundred dollars were raised by Pastor Legum, and about fifteen hundred dollars in Baltimore, part of which is invested in a building fund. The need for permanent quarters, owned by our own missions, is imperative everywhere, and Baltimore with the enthusiastic support of the Lutherans of the Maryland Synod soon expects to reach the desired goal. The chapel fund for Philadelphia came to an unexpected

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happy climax, when one of our faithful Philadelphia laymen, Mr. William P. M. Braun, volunteered to furnish the mission with a chapel-room. This is the first gift of large proportions in the interest of our young Cause and should act as a splendid example to other men who have the love of Christ for His very own people in their hearts. May God reward this friend of Israel, of whom many of Israel's children may say:— "He loveth our nation, and he has built us a synagogue." Other equally interested friends have helped to bring the chapel fund to the amount of thirteen hundred and eighty dollars, which money can now be used in making badly needed improvements in the building. Had it not been for those special gifts, the amount of indebtedness which we have to report at the end of the biennium would be more than twice as large.

The work is growing and its natural growth dare not be checked. Whenever God opens a new door for us, He also gives us the man to do the work there. Efficient Jewish workers are extremely rare. Lutheran communities willing to assume the local responsibilitiy for such work still seem equally rare. When calls and opportunities come to us, as they came in the case of the city of Toledo, we dare not shrink from our duty; but trusting in God's providential guidance and in the missionary interest of our people, we must go ahead.

The contemplated change in the financial operation of the budget of the United Lutheran Church has the full approval of the Jewish Mission Committee. We feel, however, that with our present meagre means and with the growing work on our hands, this Committee will suffer more than any other agency of the Church under the coming change. It was for these reasons that the Jewish Mission Committee at its semi-annual meeting in July 1922 adopted the following resolution:—

> *Resolved,* that the Jewish Mission Committee ask the United Lutheran Church to put the new budget in effect January 1, 1923, the same to continue for a term of three years.

D. Our Relation to other Jewish Mission Agencies.

The Committee is seeking to establish permanent relations to other Lutheran bodies engaged in Jewish Mission work in America for an exchange of thoughts and experiences. A special committee was appointed to bring about such relations with the old established Jewish Mission work in Lutheran countries abroad. Local co-operation with missions of other denominations was recently inaugurated through the formation of the "Philadelphia Conference of Jewish Missionaries." Five different denominations are represented. The distinctive principles of every denomination are safeguarded. The Jewish Mission ideal, of which the United Lutheran Church is the most outspoken exponent, namely, that Jewish Mission work must be the expression of the missionary determination of the organized Christian Church, finds a strong champion in this new organization. Needless to say, that the initiative came from our Lutheran work. The organization of this conference will tend to prevent interferences, misunderstandings

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and needless rivalries; while on the other hand, it will present a solid front of witnesses of Jewish Evangelization to Church and Synagogue in the city of Philadelphia.

Another instance of helpful co-operation is found in the selection of Pastor Einspruch of Baltimore, by the American Bible Society, as one of the translators of a revised edition of the New Testament in the Yiddish language.

In conclusion, the Committee feels that it cannot be too emphatic in stating our indebtedness to the ever growing circle of deeply interested friends in our Cause. Prayer circles for the conversion of Israel are being organized. Encouragement in messages and offerings have come from practically all parts of the Church. The Bible School of the Church of the Reformation at Milwaukee, Wis., the Rev. Paul R. Siebert, pastor, has made itself responsible for the support of our student at Mount Airy Seminary. Two of the consecrated laymen in the membership of the Committee, Mr. Chas. J. Fite and Mr. Christian Pflaum, Jr., have willingly underwritten the notes for the amounts we had to borrow at the bank. The work of our faithful treasurer, Mr. Fite, during these trying times, has won special appreciation and commendation from the Committee. We are confident that with such earnest support and such deep-rooted sincere interest throughout the United Lutheran Church, the cause of Jewish Missions is destined to grow in size and strength in accordance with the magnitude of the task which is before us.

Entering upon the new biennium we take heart from the comforting words of the greatest Jewish Missionary of all times, the Apostle Paul: "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that *your labor is not in vain in the Lord.*"

Respectfully submitted,

FRITZ O. EVERS, President.
A. C. CARTY, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE COMMITTEE ON JEWISH MISSIONS.

STATEMENTS OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS.

for the year ended 31st July, 1921.

RECEIPTS.		General Fund	Special Building Fund
United Church		$6,528.00	
United, General and Branch Synods		382.91	
Women's Missionary Society		850.00	
Loans		2,200.00	
Donations, etc.:			
Committee on Jewish Missions, Collections	$474.50		
Rev. John Legum, Collections	210.89		

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Rev. H. H. Weber, Easter Service Collection	$100.00		
Church of the Rev. Ernest Denef, Hanover, Can.	40.00		
Zion's German Lutheran Sunday School, Philadelphia	30.00		
Father Heyer Missionary Society	15.00		
		$870.39	
Henry Steuernagel			$100.00
Interest on bank balances		6.01	
		$10,837.31	$100.00

DISBURSEMENTS.

Salaries of Missionaries, helpers, etc.		$6,987.59	
General Expenses of Missions:			
Rent	$810.00		
Janitors	610.00		
Interest on Mortgages	342.00		
Fuel	40.79		
Electricity	34.18		
Telephone	26.91		
Furniture, Janitors' Supplies, etc.	28.60		
		1,892.48	
Educational and Charitable Expenses of Missions:			
Charity	$173.00		
Literature	67.95		
Student Aid	50.00		
Night and Sewing Schools, etc.	20.08		
		311.03	
Loans Repaid		700.00	
Administrative Traveling Expenses		217.14	
Literature and Publicity Committees' Expenses		170.86	
Stationery and Postage		60.38	
Office Wages and Expenses		38.50	
Interest on Loans		83.13	
		$10,461.11	
Excess of Receipts		$376.20	$100.00

SUMMARY OF CASH ACCOUNT

for the Year ended 31st July, 1921.

Balance, 1st August, 1920	$ 959.87
Receipts, as annexed	10,937.31
	$11,897.18
Disbursements, as annexed	10,461.11
Balance, 31st July, 1921	$1,436.07

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

for the Year Ended July 31, 1922.

RECEIPTS.

		General Fund	Special Fund for Lutheran Hebrew Work in New York City
United Church		$6,784.80	
United, General and Branch Synods		647.14	
Women's Missionary Society		825.00	
Loans		2,300.00	
Donations, etc.:			
Rev. Paul I. Morentz, Collection	$930.67		
Sunday Schools, Luther Leagues, Churches, etc.	305.48		
Ministeriums of New York, Pennsylvania, and adjacent States	423.70		
Church of the Reformation, Milwaukee, for Student Support	250.00		
Father Heyer Missionary Society	25.00		
		1,934.85	
Young Ladies of Saint John's Lutheran Church, New York			$5.00
Interest on Bank Balances		1.15	
		$12,492.94	$5.00

DISBURSEMENTS.

Salaries of Missionaries, Helpers, etc.		$7,640.00
General Expenses of Missions:		
Rent	$1,240.00	
Janitors	305.00	
Interest on Mortgages on Philadelphia Mission	705.60	
Gas and Electricity	59.30	
Telephone	26.97	
Furniture, Janitors' Supplies, etc.	16.00	
Moving Household Goods of Rev. John Legum	110.00	
		2,462.87
Educational and Charitable Expenses of Missions:		
Charity	$218.45	
Literature	104.81	
Student Aid	250.00	
		$573.26
Loans Repaid		1,300.00
Administrative Traveling Expenses		479.20
Advertising		129.67
Stationery and Postage		40.50
Auditing		65.00
Philadelphia Chapel Fund		25.00

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Miscellaneous Work	$ 40.00	
Interest on Loans	190.06	
	$12,945.56	
Excess of Disbursements	$452.62	
Excess of Receipts		$5.00

SUMMARY OF CASH ACCOUNT

for the Year Ended July 31, 1922.

Balance, August 1, 1921	$ 1,436.07
Receipts, as annexed	12,497.94
	$13,934.01
Disbursements, as annexed	12,945.56
Balance, July 31, 1922	$988.45

BALANCE SHEET OF THE GENERAL AND SPECIAL FUNDS

July 31, 1922.

ASSET.

Cash in Bank	$988.45

LIABILITIES AND FUNDS.

Notes Payable to Bank	$3,000.00	
Special Building Fund	109.00	
Special Fund for Lutheran Hebrew work in New York City	5.00	
		3,114.00
General Fund Deficit		$2,125.55

Respectfully submitted,
CHAS. J. FITE, *Treasurer.*

Philadelphia, 30th August, 1922.

We have audited the account of The Committee on Jewish Missions of the United Lutheran Church in America for the two years ended 31st July, 1922, and we certify that the foregoing Balance Sheet, Receipts and Disbursements, etc., are in accordance with the books of account and are correct.

LYBRAND, ROSS BROS. & MONTGOMERY,
Accountants and Auditors.

Dr. Larimer presented the following which was adopted:

We recommend that this Convention refer to the Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church a request of the Jewish Mission Committee for an adequate appropriation for support of its present missions and of the one contemplated in New York City.

The Report of the Committee was adopted as a whole.

The Rev. F. F. Fry presented the following unanimous report

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of the Special Committee to which was referred the matter of the Northwestern Seminary.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON NORTHWESTERN SEMINARY

Your Special Committee on Northwestern Seminary, after organizing, invited Representatives of the Synod of the Northwest, and of the Survey Commission, and other members of the Synod of the Northwest present at this Convention, to confer with it. After careful and prayerful consideration of facts offered by all concerned, your Committee submits the following:

After referring to the Constitution of the United Lutheran Church in America, Article VIII, Section 4, we recognize the constitutional right of a constituent Synod to decide its internal affairs.

The Survey Commission of the United Lutheran Church in America was invited by the President of the Synod of the Northwest to advise and counsel with the Executive Committee of that Synod with respect to the Synod's missionary and educational interests. The Synod thereby voluntarily waived its constitutional right recognized above in so far as advice and counsel, approval or disapproval, are concerned.

At this conference the Commission made its position emphatic against the establishment of a Seminary at Minneapolis for the following reasons:

"As being (1) unnecessary; (2) open to the clear construction of being merely a continuation of the 'Ad Interim' Seminary and as such objectionable to all best considerations; (3) an open affront to other general Lutheran bodies, several of which have Seminaries at or near Minneapolis."

However, purely on the ground of missionary necessity, it was unanimously decided to locate a Seminary not farther east than Fargo, North Dakota. In this decision, at its meeting in June 1921, the Synod of the Northwest unanimously concurred.

Being informed by the Executive Committee of the Synod of the Northwest that it would recommend to its June Convention this year the removal of the Seminary to Minneapolis, the location so emphatically protested by the Commission, a conference was held on May 11, 1922, between the Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church in America and the President of the Synod of the Northwest. After this conference, and on the same date, the Executive Board approved the recommendation of the Survey Commission locating the Seminary "at Fargo, North Dakota, or vicinity;" but, did not deem it wise to take other action on the proposed removal lest the action of Synod might be prejudiced.

Acting under its constitutional right and under the conviction that it was for the best interests of its Seminary, the Synod at its convention a few weeks later, in spite of the expressed opinion of the Executive Board that

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the judgment of the Survey Commission was correct, decided to remove the Seminary to Minneapolis.

In the light of all the facts submitted, your Committee recommends:

(1) That the Substitute Motion offered by the Chairman of the delegation of the Synod of the Northwest be not adopted.

(2) That the United Lutheran Church in America approve the action of its Executive Board, Bulletin of this convention, page 18, Section 2, Item 1, Resolution a.

(3) That we recognize that the Synod of the Northwest was acting under its constitutional right in relocating the Seminary, but we deplore the fact that the Synod has seen fit to act contrary to the judgment of the Survey Commission, of the Executive Board and of the Board of Education of the United Lutheran Church in America.

(4) Since the establishment or re-location of an educational institution may affect the interests of a contiguous Synod, or even of the whole body, that in these matters the advice and consent of the United Lutheran Church in America or of its Executive Board and of its Board of Education be secured, in harmony with the Constitution of the Board of Education, Article VIII, Section I.

Respectfully submitted,

Franklin F. Fry, Chairman	W. C. Davis
A. L. Benze	J. J. Scherer, Jr.
J. S. Simon	A. H. Kohn
E. A. Tappert	W. L. Glatfelter
Lewis C. Manges	H. C. Hoffman
Luther Kuhlman	Jas. M. Snyder
Samuel Nicholas	E. F. Eilert
	Harry T. Domer

Recommendation 1. Unanimously adopted. (For substitute motion see Minutes of the morning session Wednesday, October 18.)

Recommendations 2, 3 and 4 unanimously adopted.

The Report was adopted as a whole.

The session closed with prayer by the Rev. J. J. Scherer.

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Afternoon Session

Wednesday, October 25th, 2:00.

Devotions were conducted by the Rev. A. L. Benze.

Acting President Burgess presided.

The Committee of Reference and Counsel submitted the following resolutions indicated as A, B, C, D and E.

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A. Resolved, That the Executive Board be instructed to investigate and consider in what ways it might be possible to combine or reorganize the Boards and Committees of our United Lutheran Church so as to make the work of administration more economical, and to report its findings with recommendations to the next Convention.

(Signed) GEO. P. KABELE.

Upon the suggestion of President Knubel the following resolution was passed in connection with the above:

Resolved, That the Executive Board be empowered to effect such mergers wherever satisfactory to the Boards concerned.

B. Resolved, That as an aid to the efficient conduct of elections and to obviate the possibility of some of the errors and inaccuracies with which this Convention has been burdened the following rules be adopted:

Rule I. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to prepare and have printed in the Bulletin of each Convention an alphabetical list of the names of

(a) The delegates to the Convention, followed by an abbreviated designation of the Synod he represents;

(b) The names of all persons nominated by the several Boards, followed by an abbreviated designation of the Synod of which he is a member together with the Board of Boards by which he has been nominated.

Rule II. It shall be the duty of the Secretary, or such person or persons whom he may designate to assist him, to supervise the preparation of the ballots and to critically examine the copy and proof for same before they are printed.

Rule III. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to furnish the Tellers' Committee with sufficient printed or typewritten lists of delegates as provided for in Rule I (a), as voting check lists to properly conduct said elections.

Rule IV. It shall be the duty of the Tellers' Committee to append said voting check list to its report when made to the Convention.

Signed: G. F. GREINER.

On motion this resolution and the proposed rules were referred to the Executive Board in connection with an earlier resolution about investigating the whole method of nomination and the procedure of elections.

C. Resolved, (a) that it be the rule of this and all subsequent Conventions of the United Lutheran Church, that each individual, Board, Committee, and other representative that makes a report, resolution or recommendation, that is not printed in the regular Bulletin, but is to be read in

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connection with the report in the Bulletin, be required to have four typewritten carbon copies ready at the time said report, resolution, or recommendation is introduced and read to the Convention for the use of the President, Secretary, and Publicity Committee, (b) and that all resolutions and recommendations that come from the floor be written, and in duplicate form, one for the Secretary and the other for the Publicity Committee.

Signed: HOWARD R. GOLD, *Chairman Publicity Committee.*

The above resolution was adopted.

D. Resolved, That we express our sincere appreciation of the co-operation of the Augustana Synod with the United Lutheran Church especially in the support of missionary and university student work.

That we urge the Augustana Synod to strengthen this helpful relationship by an increase of effort in furnishing missionaries and funds for the various interests in which co-operation has been so effective.

The above resolution was adopted.

E. Resolved, That the Secretary of the United Lutheran Church express to the Pastors, Rev. Dr. F. A. Kahler and Rev. Paul Bloomhardt, Council and Congregation of the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church of Buffalo, our great appreciation of all the advantages of their magnificent property during the Convention of Synod.

Resolved, That we also express our appreciation of the active co-operation of all the Pastors and Congregations of Buffalo in making our visit pleasant and profitable.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the United Lutheran Church be authorized to make suitable compensation to such designated persons as may have rendered services to this Convention.

Resolved, That the Convention hereby express its very sincere gratitude,

(1) To the local Committee for the unusually complete arrangements made by it for the convenience and comfort of the Convention.

(2) To the Rev. Dr. Ellis B. Burgess for the efficiency and uniform fairness and courtesy with which he presided over the Convention.

(3) To the Choir which prepared and participated in The Choral Vesper Service.

The resolutions of thanks were adopted by a rising vote. Thereupon President Knubel expressed his thanks and those of the Convention to the Rev. Dr. Burgess for the service which he had so admirably rendered in presiding over the Convention.

The Rev. J. F. Lambert, Recording Secretary of the Committee on Necrology, submitted the following report for the Committee.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NECROLOGY

Your Committee on Necrology respectfully reports:

I.

The ministers of the United Lutheran Church who have died since our last report (July 1st, 1920) number eighty-nine (89). We have also noted the death of two (2) students who are preparing for the ministry; and of twenty-one (21) other laymen whose activities were of special significance for the life and work of the Church in its larger operations.

A list of these names here follows, the date of birth and of death is given; and in the case of the ministers also that of ordination.

Names of Deceased Ministers.

Names	Born	Ordained	Died
John Ulrich Asper	Nov. 21, 1849	1881	June 9, 1921
Isaac Newton Augustine	Feb. 9, 1833	1863	July 2, 1921
Paul Bard	Aug. 2, 1854	1889	Jan. 19, 1922
David H. Bauslin	Jan. 21, 1853	1878	Mar. 3, 1922
James Ludwig Becker	June 1, 1849	1877	Feb. 26, 1922
Zacchaeus Wright Bedenbaugh	Oct. 15, 1846	1874	Jan. 17, 1921
O. E. Bregenzer		1904	Sept. 1920
Franklin K. Bernd	Mar. 16, 1850	1883	May 2, 1921
M. Bode			1922
Milton E. Bollinger	June 25, 1862	1893	July 24, 1921
Cornelius Prisleau Boozer	Oct. 18, 1845	1872	Jan. 24, 1921
Charles Lafayette Brown	Dec. 3, 1874	1898	Dec. 5, 1921
Clarence K. Binder	Mar. 8, 1849	1883	May 26, 1921
Charles Edward Buschman	Apr. 1, 1879	1903	Nov. 25, 1921
James Albert Cromer	Aug. 18, 1847	1878	Jan. 1, 1922
Patrick Henry Elmore Derrick	Nov. 20, 1856	1889	Oct. 1, 1920
Samuel A. Diehl	Nov. 13, 1847	1875	May 10, 1922
William Henry Dolbeer	Mar. 6, 1854	1877	July 26, 1920
William Henry Dunbar	Jan. 25, 1852	1874	Dec. 24, 1920
George W. Enders	Oct. 26, 1841	1869	Nov. 9, 1921
Reinhold Emmanuel Michael Engers	Sept. 29, 1863	1888	Sept. 26, 1920
William Franklin Eyster	Jan. 26, 1822	1841	June 18, 1921
Cyrus Lemuel Fleck	Jan. 12, 1855	1887	Sept. 16, 1921
Johannes Flierl	Apr. 22, 1854	1883	Jan. 20, 1921
David Bittle Floyd	Mar. 15, 1846	1876	Jan. 23, 1922
Samuel A. K. Francis	Apr. 14, 1837	1864	Mar. 22, 1921
William H. Gotwald	Sept. 3, 1841	1867(?)	Mar. 12, 1921
John Brough Grove	July 30, 1858	1898	Dec. 30, 1921
Charles Baker Gruver	Mar. 23, 1846	1876	Apr. 21, 1921
Carl M. Guldenapfel	July 17, 1856		Nov. 28, 1921
Andrew Sylvester Hain	Mar. 3, 1869	1896	June 11, 1922
Jurgen August Hansen	Mar. 25, 1867	1893	Oct. 6, 1920
H. H. Hanson	1881	1909	Nov. 19, 1920
Edmund Frantz Albert Hantel	Oct. 25, 1837	1875	Mar. 5, 1922
Charles Elvin Haupt	Oct. 5, 1850	1875	Oct. 14, 1920
Charles Girvin Heckert	Mar. 3, 1863	1889	Dec. 7, 1920
Henry Heiner	Jan. 6, 1855	1879	Jan. 7, 1921
Frederich P. Henninghausen	July 27, 1839	1861	Apr. 10, 1922
Samuel Edward Herring	Jan. 22, 1840	1864	Apr. 20, 1922

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Names	Born	Ordained	Died
Conrad Huber	Oct. 22, 1851	1876	June 30, 1922
John H. Houseman	Jan. 9, 1842	1873	Jan. 19, 1922
Frank K. Huntzinger	Jan. 18, 1844	1869	May 2, 1921
Johannes Huppenbauer	Oct. 11, 1852	1878	Mar. 9, 1922
Benjamin Franklin Kautz	Jan. 8, 1851	1880	Apr. 10, 1921
William Rufus Ketchie	Feb. 18, 1836	1871	Apr. 7, 1921
Lloyd H. W. Kline	July 12, 1862	1894	July 9, 1921
George Wesley Livers	Feb. 6, 1875	1900	Aug. 24, 1921
Rudolph Ernest Lucas	Oct. 10, 1866	1894	May 31, 1921
Eli Lott Lybrand	June 22, 1852	1888	Jan. 21, 1922
Helwig Ludwig McMurry	Feb. 18, 1850	1877	Jan. 8, 1922
Herbert Martens	Dec. 12, 1857	1892	Sept. 18, 1921
Adam Martin	Aug. 9, 1835	1860	May 18, 1921
George Washington Mechling	July 15, 1836	1859	Oct. 23, 1921
David William Michael	Dec. 18, 1857	1887	Dec. 12, 1921
I. J. Miller	Feb. 22, 1850	1876	Mar. 12, 1922
Victor Miller	Oct. 24, 1834	1862	Feb. 8, 1922
Waldo Emerson Murray	Nov. 26, 1862	1892	Jan. 22, 1922
Hobart Moody Nicholson	May 1, 1876	1904	Oct. 28, 1920
Frank C. Oberly	Mar. 14, 1869	1892	Mar. 22, 1922
C. H. Overmann	June 4, 1866	1888	June 24, 1922
Samuel Palmer	May 17, 1843	1874	July 30, 1921
James Clare Neff Park	Aug. 19, 1860	1889	Oct. 24, 1921
Joseph Rechsteiner	Feb. 9, 1853	1879	May 9, 1922
Milton U. Reinhard	Aug. 12, 1876	1899	Nov. 13, 1920
William Rosenstengel	Dec. 25, 1846	1880	Oct. 23, 1921
John D. Roth	Nov. 24, 1841	1870	Mar. 23, 1922
Albert F. Siebert	Oct. 18, 1848	1873	May 26, 1922
H. L. Straub	June 12, 1875	1903	June 14, 1922
Jonathan Sarver	Nov. 2, 1837	1864	Jan. 24, 1922
William C. Schaeffer	July 14, 1843	1869	July 21, 1921
Augustus Schultes	Apr. 10, 1844		Mar. 25, 1920
William A. Snyder	Dec. 31, 1870	1897	July 13, 1921
D. A. Sox	Oct. 14, 1856	1884	Jan. 7, 1922
Josephus F. Sponseller	Apr. 27, 1847		Sept. 16, 1921
Friederich Spriegel	June 27, 1849	1880	Feb. 13, 1921
Samuel S. Stauffer	Nov. 17, 1842		Mar. 13, 1922
Vastine R. Stickley	Apr. 17, 1850	1875	Apr. 3, 1921
Adam Stump	July 7, 1854	1881	Mar. 18, 1922
John E. Switzer	Jan. 7, 1832	1855	Sept. 15, 1921
R. B. Tarrant	Oct. 10, 1836	1863	Dec. 21, 1921
Simon T. Traubel	June 13, 1860	1891	Apr. 1, 1921
Samuel Wagenhals	Jan. 17, 1843	1862	Dec. 10, 1920
Asher W. Walter	June 5, 1859	1881	Apr. 17, 1922
Benjamin G. Welder	Sept. 8, 1851	1886	May 2, 1921
Franklin E. Whitmore	Feb. 11, 1868	1893	Feb. 1, 1922
Charles A. Wilson	Dec. 22, 1866	1894	Jan. 14, 1921
Harry L. Yarger	Feb. 22, 1862	1886	Jan. 13, 1921
John W. Young	June 26, 1837	1876	Oct. 24, 1921
Simon P. Fryberger.			

Names of Deceased Laymen.

Herbert H. Kohls	Feb. 1, 1892	Student	May 3, 1921
Herbert Miller Linn	Sept. 8, 1898	Student	June 6, 1922
Virginia M. Boyer			May 21, 1922
Henry E. Bonitz	Apr. 16, 1872		Mar. 27, 1921

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Names	Born	Died
J. Edward Cooper	Feb. 17, 1853	Mar. 26, 1922
Mary J. Diehl	Jan. 3, 1843	July 1, 1921
Wilhelmina Dittman	Aug. 29, 1849	Jan. 25, 1922
Jacob D. Eberly	Apr. 12, 1853	Feb. 4, 1922
Emma A. Ehrhart	May 10, 1866	Oct. 19, 1920
Peter S. Grosscup	Feb. 15, 1852	Sept. 30, 1921
Melvin W. Harroway	Apr. 24, 1850	Mar. 21, 1921
Milton C. Henninger	Apr. 22, 1851	Sept. 25, 1921
John Hubner	Dec. 26, 1840	Sept. 8, 1920
Absalom Koiner	Aug. 5, 1824	Dec. 31, 1920
Ambrose A. Kunkle	Oct. 2, 1877	Sept. 15, 1920
Henry W. McAfee	June 20, 1857	May 7, 1922
James N. Mohr	Sept. 10, 1844	Feb. 15, 1921
W. Frederick Monroe	Sept. 18, 1851	Mar. 5, 1921
John A. Prigge	Apr. 23, 1845	Jan. ?, 1922
Ferdinand Reiber	June 19, 1847	Aug. 20, 1921
Julius A. Bohn.		
Nathaniel C. Fritz.		
Charles Schimmelfeng.		

We have gathered through the Corresponding Members of the Committee, and all other sources available to us, the data called for in the form approved at the last convention, prepared it for deposit in the archives, and submit it herewith.

We have used all diligence, yet have not been able to make each of these biographical records fully complete. We regret that some of those to whom we looked for information failed to furnish all the data called for on the blanks sent out by our Corresponding Secretary. In some instances, we failed to receive any reply whatever to special letters of inquiry addressed to persons in non-official relation to our committee but who, from their personal relation to the deceased, should have been able to have rendered assistance. In others, however, our inquiries were responded to with promptness and accuracy. The assistance rendered by these correspondents has been very highly appreciated.

Your committee has prepared, largely on the basis of official action, an estimate of the life and work of each of the deceased, which is incorporated in the biographical records. We have endeavored to express the Church's appreciation of the great among our brethren and, no less, her appreciation of the work of those whose consecrated lives were spent in lowly spheres.

We recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved: That we, the representatives of the entire United Lutheran Church, humbly acknowledge the goodness and mercy of our Heavenly Father, who through our ascended Lord Jesus Christ, by the manifestation of the power of the Holy Spirit, has given to His Church those, His Servants, who have entered into their rest during the years past. We give thanks for the life and work of those, who were enabled to be leaders among us and to serve their Lord in spheres of wider influence, as teachers of teachers, as missionaries at home and abroad, as pastors and preachers of exceptional influence and power, as directors of the Church's ministry of mercy, by their wisdom in counsel and by their gifts for the furtherance

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of the Gospel; and as truly do we give thanks for the life and work of those who, in lowly spheres, preached the Word and administered the Holy Sacraments to the salvation of many precious souls, the support of the weak, the comfort of the sorrowing and the edification of the Church of our Risen Lord.

II.

Your committee held two meetings, one in Christ Church, Allentown, Pa., December 15th, 1920, and the other at Atlantic City, N. J., July 5th and 6th, 1922.

At the latter meeting, we had before us the records of 83 ministers and 16 prominent laymen representing twenty-three Synods. Each of these provisionally prepared records was examined by the committee and, where possible, perfected. Since that meeting, some delayed records have been received and by authority of the committee incorporated in our report.

Copies of their minutes were received from thirty-three Synods; of these twenty-eight were issued of 1920 and five issues of 1921. It is evident that they reach your committee too late to be of value to us. For this reason, we request that the sending of the minutes to us be discontinued.

The committee desires to publicly express its appreciation of the assistance rendered by its corresponding members, the necrologists of the several Synods.

We request an appropriation of $300.00 for the coming biennium.

By authority of the Committee,

Jos. H. Orr, *Chairman*,
J. F. Lambert, *Rec. Sec.*

On motion it was ordered that the following names be added to the list of laymen: Charles Schimmelfeng, Simon P. Fryberger, Julius A. Bohn, Nathaniel C. Fritz. The resolution was adopted by a rising vote and the Convention was led in prayer by the Rev. C. J. Cooper. The Report was adopted as a whole.

The following was adopted:

So as to make the memoirs of deceased ministers authentic and more accurate I beg to present the following resolutions which, through correspondence, my associates in the Necrology Committee have approved.

Resolved, (1) That the Committee on Necrology be authorized to transmit, through the Presidents of Synods, to every minister in the United Lutheran Church a revised questionnaire to solicit an autobiographic family and school record, together with date of graduation from college and the ordination of each man.

(2) That said questionnaires, properly filled out, be mailed by each minister to the Secretary of this Committee on or before February 1, 1923,

(3) That our Secretary be commissioned to deposit these records in the archives of the Church until such time as the Necrology Committee may

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withdraw those of the ministers who have died for incorporation in their memoirs.

(4) That the Synods be asked to cause men who are about to be ordained, and others who may be received into the ministry in our Church, to fill out similar questionnaires and forward them to our Secretary.

(5) That our Committee be authorized to furnish Necrology Committees of Synods with revised and condensed forms for collecting data of deceased ministers, and a blank suitable for memoirs of deceased prominent laymen of the Church.

Signed for the Committee:

JAMES F. LAMBERT.

The Report of the Committee on Church Architecture was presented by the Rev. L. D. Reed, Secretary of the Committee, and the report was adopted as here follows.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH ARCHITECTURE

A large number of plans for churches and other buildings has been considered by the committee, and in addition a considerable correspondence with pastors and others has been conducted by the Chairman and the Secretary.

The committee held seventeen meetings, all but two being in Professor Laird's office at the University of Pennsylvania. At the first meeting of the Biennium Dr. Ohl was elected Chairman and Dr. Reed Secretary.

REVIEW OF PLANS.

The following items were acted upon:

Plans for St. John's Church, Ocean City, Mr. George C. Baum, architect, were approved in general, with certain suggestions looking toward simplification in design and the use of material.

Working drawings for St. Paul's Church, Pitcairn, Pa., submitted by the Board of Missions, were considered and the advice given that an associate architect be secured in the interest of improving details of design.

Preliminary plans for St. James' Church, Marinette, Wis., the Rev. W. P. Gerberding, pastor; Brust & Philipp, Milwaukee, Wis., architects, were approved, with suggestions to restudy the stairways, a possible reduction in the height of the aisles, certain chancel details, etc. Complete working drawings were later heartily approved, the committee congratulating the congregation upon the excellence of design and detail, but cautioning them in the matter of estimated expense.

Working plans for St. Barnabas' Church, Charleston, S. C., David B. Hyer, architect, were considered and suggestions made with reference to a different proportion in the building, chancel details, a restudy of window tracery, etc.

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Plans for a proposed chapel for Christ Lutheran Community Church, Bywood, Philadelphia, Pa., were not approved because prepared without competent architectural advice and altogether deficient in practical features of arrangement as well as in architectural merit.

Plans for Bethel Church, Trenton, N. J., prepared by Mr. George C. Baum, architect, presented by the Rev. J. W. Gentzler, pastor, were approved with minor suggestions concerning choir and chancel arrangements.

Plans for Christ Church, Birmingham, Ala.; the Rev. W. E. Kline, Jr., pastor; Mr. S. B. Burnham, architect, were approved with important suggestions concerning chancel details.

Plans for a church building and block plans for a church plant at Everett, Wash., the Rev. W. F. Holl, pastor; Bebb & Gould, architects, were approved, with the suggestion that chancel details be restudied. Revised plans were subsequently approved, with various suggestions which it was left to the local Building Committee and the architect finally to determine.

Letters and photographs from the Rev. R. Homer Anderson, of Strasburg, Va., concerning alterations and additions to the present church building were considered and suggestions forwarded to the pastor.

Sketches for the Church of Peace, Rochester, N. Y., the Rev. R. F. Krauch, pastor, were considered and were not approved, the committee suggesting the employment of a competent architect.

Plans for a parish building for St. Matthew's Church, Wauwatosa, Wis., submitted by the Rev. W. P. Stump, Field Missionary, were considered and approved in general, with suggestions concerning details.

Alternate floor plans for the College Church, Salem, Va., O. M. Topp, Pittsburgh, architect, were laid before the committee by Professor D. R. Carpenter, of Roanoke College, and the judgment of the committee was expressed with reference to the merits of the several plans.

Plans for Trinity Church, St. Petersburg, Fla., the Rev. W. E. Pugh, pastor, submitted by the Rev. A. D. R. Hancher, Superintendent, were not approved, the committee suggesting that the plan be restudied by a competent church architect.

A sketch of the floor plan for the remodeled St. John's Church, Sterling, Ill., the Rev. E. C. Harris, D.D., pastor, were considered and approved with minor suggestions.

The names of several capable architects located in the vicinity of Fresno, Cal., were supplied to the Rev. E. A. Trabert, of Berkeley, Cal.

Plans for the church at Baden, Pa., the Rev. F. F. Haworth, pastor and architect, were considered. The general design was approved, but various suggestions were made which were later incorporated in the design.

Plans for Augsburg Church, West Toledo, Ohio, the Rev. F. E. Strobel, pastor; Spier & Gehrke, architects, were considered but not approved because of deficiency in design. Revised plans were subsequently approved by the committee with several additional suggestions.

Plans for Gethsemane Church, Indianapolis, Ind., the Rev. W. C. Don-

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aldson, pastor; Charles E. Bacon, architect, were considered and suggestions made looking to the elimination of the tower, etc., in the interest of simplicity and economy.

Plans for alterations to Christ Church, Elizabethtown, Pa., the Rev. Frank Croman, pastor; Malvern R. Evans, Lancaster, Pa., architect, were approved in general with suggestions concerning chancel details.

A single drawing of the complete development plan for Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ohio, the Rev. Rees E. Tulloss, Ph.D., President, were considered. The committee congratulated the college upon its preparation of such a development plan but declared the impossibility of its passing upon the merits of this particular plan upon the basis of material submitted and in the absence of an architectural program. The committee expressed the hope that the college would secure the ablest possible architectural service in the further study of its extensive and important project.

Plans for St. John's Church, Statesville, N. C., Louis H. Asbury, architect, were approved with suggestions concerning chancel and choir detail, tower design, etc.

Plans for the mission in Washington Park, Milwaukee, Wis., the Rev. Jerome C. Jackson, pastor; H. C. Haeuser, architect, were approved in general with various suggestions.

Plans for St. Peter's Church, Harrisburg, Pa., J. A. Dempwolf, York, Pa., architect, were approved as presenting unusual and interesting features. Several minor suggestions were made.

Plans submitted through the Superintendent of Home Missions for Christ Church, Ridgefield, N. J., were not approved.

Plans for extension to the basement and completion of the building of the Church of the Mediator, Philadelphia, the Rev. A. Sumons, pastor; J. Horace Frank, architect, were approved, with the suggestion that it would be to the advantage of the building if an additional bay window could be built, and with other suggestions concerning location of choir and design of the facade.

Plans for St. Paul's Church, Warren, Ohio, the Rev. C. K. Spiggle, pastor; Robert J. Keich, architect, were approved with suggestions concerning proportions in the building and treatment of the front, as well as the necessity of careful study of chancel and choir arrangements.

Plans for a new church building and modifications of existing building for the Church of the Holy Spirit, Reading, Pa., the Rev. C. G. Beck, pastor; Ritcher & Eiler, architects, presented by Pastor Beck and Mr. Frederick, were cordially approved with a few minor suggestions.

Plans for alterations in present building and new edifice for Christ Church, Chicago, the Rev. G. P. Lottich, pastor; Ivar Viehe, Naess & Co., architects, were considered. Various suggestions were made concerning chancel arrangement, location of organ and organ console, and certain features in the general design of the building.

Plans for St. John's German Church, Oakland, Cal., submitted through

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Superintendent Dr. Seibert, were considered and various modifications in design and detail were suggested.

Sketches for Holy Trinity Church, West Side, Wilkesbarre, Pa., the Rev. Elwood Schwenk, pastor; J. C. Fulton, architect, were considered. Suggestions were made concerning chancel and choir, the design of the exterior of the building, etc., as well as changes in the parsonage plans.

An elevation of the proposed building for the congregation at Baga, Porto Rico, the Rev. I. W. Lindke, pastor; Antonin Nichcodoma, architect, was considered and various suggestions were made.

Plans for St. John's Church, Richmond Hill, L. I., the Rev. F. A. Bowers, pastor; C. A. Sondblom, architect, were presented by Mr. Bowers and the committee commended the plan as admirable, cautioning the congregation, however, that the estimate of cost, $100,000, is likely to be materially exceeded.

Plans for All Saints' Church, Baltimore, Md., the Rev. J. B. Lau, pastor, were considered and were found defective, as not in agreement with each other, possessing faults which make them unsuitable as part of a contract, and as having been prepared without an understanding of correct church planning. The committee suggested that the congregation secure a competent church architect, and later, upon request, furnished the names of several competent architects in Baltimore.

Plans for St. Simeon's Church, Philadelphia, the Rev. W. H. C. Lauer, pastor; Frank R. Watson, architect, were considered and cordially approved, the congregation being congratulated upon the excellence of the plans, which will secure a churchly effect and individuality at a minimum cost.

Plans for Epiphany Church, Raspeburg, Baltimore, Md., the Rev. F. A. Hightman, pastor; Clyde N. Fritz and Nelson Fritz, architects, were considered and various suggestions concerning connection of the several buildings, tower design, entrances, chancel details, etc., were made. Revised plans, personally presented, were later approved, with additional suggestions.

Plans for Trinity Memorial Church, Mountainville, Pa., the Rev. J. W. Koch, pastor; Ritcher & Eiler, architects, were approved with suggestions concerning chancel and choir arrangements, ceiling construction and design of tower.

The Rev. W. J. Kratz, pastor of St. Luke's Church, Youngstown, Ohio, and R. A. Zenk, architect, personally laid preliminary plans for a new church before the committee with the request for counsel in certain aspects of their problem. The committee made various suggestions involving a rearrangement of the several units in the plan and a modification of the front elevation, etc., as well as chancel details.

Plans and perspective for proposed alterations to Trinity Church, Butler, Pa., H. H. Steffler, Pittsburgh, Pa., architect, were considered and suggestions made concerning chancel details, choir and organ arrangement and roof construction.

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Plans for a proposed church for St. Andrew's Church, Carnegie, Pa. the Rev. M. H. Messner, pastor, submitted through the Board of Missions, were not approved, being obviously prepared by someone without architectural training or qualification and being from every point of view unsuitable and impossible. The congregation was advised to secure a competent church architect and not to attempt building under such direction.

Plans for the Church of the Incarnation, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Mr. H. C. Haeuser, architect, were cordially approved with certain suggestions concerning arrangements for choir and organ.

Plans for the Norwood Park Church, Chicago, Ill., were considered and a number of suggestions concerning design, treatment of the roof, and details of arrangement were made.

Plans for a Church for Iowa Falls, Ia., were not approved, as being entirely deficient, not only in churchly requirements, but in architectural character.

A preliminary sketch for Christ Church, Fairview, Camden, N. J., Mr. George C. Baum architect, was considered and approved.

Forty-three sets of plans were thus examined and reported upon by the committee.

Conferences and Correspondence.

The Secretary personally conferred with the pastors and Building Committees of St. Mark's Church, Philadelphia, Pa.; the Church of the Holy Spirit, Reading, Pa.; St. Simeon's Church, Philadelphia, and with G. W. Stickle, architect of St. Matthew's Church, Erie, Pa.

Extensive correspondence was conducted by the officers of the committee, the Chairman reporting letters from twenty-seven pastors and others in twelve different States and the Secretary letters from forty pastors and others in twenty-one States.

Pastors and Building Committees in twenty-nine States and one of the Provinces of Canada have thus sought and secured the counsel of the committee during the biennium.

Publications.

The committee published in attractive form several circulars on "The Selection of an Architect," "A Building Program for Missions" and "A Method of Procedure for Mission Congregations." Also two pamphlets, "Practical Suggestions for Pastors and Building Committees" and "Church Principles in Church Architecture," prepared by the Secretary. These have been sent free of charge wherever requested, and have been used in the practical courses in church architecture in several Theological Seminaries. The pamphlets have received favorable comment in the Church press and have called forth letters of inquiry from other denominations.

In response to numerous requests the committee also published a declaration on "The Location of Choir and Organ."

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Work has progressed upon the preparation of three typical plans for mission congregations, but these have not yet been completed.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

All indications point to the fact that the Church is on the threshold of a great building program. Millions will be expended within the next few years in the erection of church buildings, parish houses and parsonages, and the influence of these edifices, not only upon the inner development of many congregations and the churchly appreciations of their members, but also upon the progress which these congregations shall be able to make in their respective communities will be incalculable. It is important that the money to be expended be wisely and economically spent. It is even more important that the buildings to be erected possess architectural merit and churchly character, without which the influence of the congregations and of the Church as a whole will be impaired. Your committee believes that the full significance of these facts and the necessity for constantly increasing the standards in this department of our church life are not generally appreciated. It therefore recommends:

1. That the United Lutheran Church direct the attention of all congregations contemplating building to the importance of securing at the outset the ablest architectural service possible and of securing in every edifice not only comfort, convenience and good workmanship, but the distinctive qualities of design and arrangement which should characterize the architecture of the Church; and that all congregations be urged to seek the counsel and advice of the Committee on Church Architecture in matters pertaining to building.

2. That all mission congregations receiving aid be reminded of the action of the United Lutheran Church (Minutes, 1920, p. 477) which requires them before undertaking any work of erection or extensive alteration to seek the advice and counsel of the Committee on Church Architecture through the District Superintendent of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.

Respectfully submitted,
J. F. OHL, *Chairman.*
LUTHER D. REED, *Secretary.*

Tellers' Committee No. 5 reported and the following elections were declared.

National Lutheran Home for the Aged
E. W. Peery, M.D.

Committee on Jewish Missions
For Term Expiring 1928
Rev. J. J. Myers

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Parish and Church School Board

For Term Expiring 1928

Rev. F. M. Urich

Board of Education

For Term Expiring 1928

Mr. Emil Hokanson

The Committee on Linguistic Interests reported as follows.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LINGUISTIC INTERESTS

The Committee on Linguistic Interests organized with Rev. E. C. J. Kraeling as chairman and Rev. Henry Offermann, D.D., as secretary. Several meetings were held. The committee decided to hold the second general conference of the German pastors of the United Lutheran Church at Buffalo, New York. There the Conference met in St. John's Lutheran Church, the Rev. Oskar Krauch, pastor, on October 19 and 20, 1921. At the opening service the Rev. Ernst Ortlepp, D.D., preached the sermon and the sacrament of Holy Communion was celebrated. Over 150 pastors and delegates from all parts of the Church were present. Rev. E. C. J. Kraeling was elected president, Rev. G. H. Michelmann, vice president, Rev. Fr. Werhahn, secretary, and Mr. A. Bendel, treasurer.

The president of the United Lutheran Church, the Rev. F. H. Knubel, D.D., was present and addressed the Conference. Rev. J. A. Morehead, D.D., presented the appeal of the National Lutheran Council for European Relief.

The Conference proved a harmonious and most instructive gathering. Three special linguistic spheres: Ministerial education for the German-English ministry; German Home Missions under the auspices of the Board of Northwestern Missions; publication of a united German Church paper—were thoroughly discussed and action taken as follows:

A. Educational Interests.

1. The Conference has heard with great satisfaction that the institutions of Wagner College and the Waterloo Seminary still lay special emphasis upon the teaching of the German language in preparing men for the ministry.

2. The Conference assures the College at Saskatoon, Sask., of our sincere interest and pledge the solid support of our congregations to this young institution of the Church. To this end it is recommended that all our congregations gather special offerings for the Saskatoon College.

3. The Conference desires to engage the interest of all parts of the Church in the work of the Martin Luther Seminary at Lincoln, Nebr.

4. The Conference rejoices over the report of Dr. Gotwald concerning the work of the Seminary abroad at Kropp and Breklum and heartily approves the work of the Board of Education in bringing about a merger

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of these two institutions. The Conference also assures the leaders of the Kropp-Breklum Seminary of our brotherly sympathy and gives expression to our joy over the great progress in their work and pledges to them, especially in these trying times, our prayers and our support.

B. Missionary Interests.

1. The Conference has heard with great pleasure the several reports of the District Superintendents of the work of the Board of Northwestern Missions. It is apparent that the unification of this work under one central agency of the Church will prove of greatest benefit to the widely scattered mission field as well as to the United Lutheran Church.

2. The Conference recommends the work of the Seamen's Mission at New York and Philadelphia and that of Immigrant Missions to the benevolence of our congregations.

C. Publication Interests.

I. *The Official German Church Paper.*

1. The editorship of a united church paper representing all German interests within the United Lutheran Church shall remain in German hands and is to be conducted upon the basis of a sound and strictly conservative Lutheranism.

2. The Board of Publication of the United Lutheran Church shall publish the paper.

3. The Board of Publication shall not be authorized to discontinue the publication of the German church paper without previously obtaining the consent of the interested Synods and Conferences and the approval of the United Lutheran Church.

4. The Editor-in-chief shall be nominated by the German General Conference. It is expected that the Church Paper Committee will endorse the nomination.

5. The Board of Publication shall provide for the salary of the Editor-in-chief in such a manner that his entire time and strength can be devoted to the paper.

6. The Conference shall also nominate the Managing Editor.

7. There shall be an Editorial Committee, the members of which shall be appointed by the Editor-in-chief, in conjunction with the presidents of the interested Synods and Conferences.

8. In view of the fact that the Lutheran Literary Board of Burlington, Iowa, the property of the Wartburg and Nebraska Synods, will lose its foremost advertising agency through the cessation of the *Lutherische Zionsbote* sufficient advertising space shall be granted to the Lutheran Literary Board, free of charge.

9. The paper shall appear weekly; if possible, it shall have 16 pages; the subscription price is to be $1.50.

10. The name of the paper shall be *Lutherischer Herold.*

11. The Conference desires to voice our deep appreciation of the willing-

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ness of the Wartburg and Nebraska Synods to surrender their "Zionsbote" in the interest of the united German weekly of the United Lutheran Church.

12. The Conference wishes to extend our thanks to all the men, who heretofore have worked so faithfully for the *Deutsche Lutheraner* and the *Lutherische Zionsbote.*

13. The Conference remembers with special gratitude the services of the two chief editors of these papers, Rev. G. C. Berkemeier, D.D., and Rev. W. Rosenstengel, D.D., and extends to both in their present illness the assurance of our sympathy and of our sincere prayer that the Lord may soon restore them to health and again permit them to use their pens in the interest of His Kingdom.

14. The Conference by unanimous vote nominated the Rev. Ernst Ortlepp, D.D., of Greenville, Ohio, for the position of Editor-in-chief of the united paper.

II. *A German Agende.*

1. In order to unify the order of service and the forms for ministerial acts throughout the German circles of the United Lutheran Church a committee on a German Agende shall be appointed.

2. Another Committee on uniform Sunday School literature in the German language shall be appointed.

These resolutions were received by the Committee on Linguistic Interests at a meeting held at Brooklyn, N. Y., November 28, 1921, and were approved. The action regarding the merger of the two German church papers was reported to the Church Paper Committee and the Board of Publication with the endorsement of this committee. The action regarding the Agende was reported in like manner to the Common Service Book Committee and the committee appointed. The action regarding Sunday School literature was reported to the Church and Parish School Board and the committee appointed.

Respectfully submitted,
F. O. Evers,
For the Committee.

The Report was adopted as a whole.

The Archivist's Report was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF THE ARCHIVIST

The Archivist respectfully reports receipt during the past biennium of the following material:

Protocol of the first and second Conventions of the United Lutheran Church.

Protocol of the 1920 Conventions of the General Synod, General Council and the United Synod in the South.

Selected correspondence of the President of the United Lutheran Church.

Selected correspondence of the Secretary.

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Original documents and notes concerning the work of the Executive Board.

A sealed package of material concerning the Chicago Seminary.

Necrological records, 1918-20, received from the Rev. J. F. Lambert.

Anniversary histories, souvenirs, etc., of St. John's Church, Sterling, Ill. Calvary Church, Baltimore, and the First Lutheran Sunday School, Selinsgrove, Pa.

Genesis of the Chirala Station, Guntur, India.

Minutes of the Pittsburgh Synod, 1922, and of the Pacific Synod, 1922.

The Kansas Synod Lutheran as issued.

This material is being prepared for permanent preservation in the Krauth Memorial Library at the Seminary in Mt. Airy, Philadelphia.

LUTHER D. REED,
Archivist.

Deferred items of the Executive Board's Report were taken up.

I, F, 2, item 2, (d). Part 1 concerning conclusions a, b, c, d and e adopted. Part 2 concerning the Committee and the conditions governing its work adopted.

Report of Committee on Pacific Seminary

The Special Committee of Twelve on the Pacific Seminary reported as follows:

Your Committee appointed to consider such matters relating to the Pacific Theological Seminary as are reviewed on pages 13-17 of the Bulletin reports as follows:

We have made a careful investigation of all related facts as are contained in the Bulletin and have also called into consultation such interested parties as could be found in this Convention.

1. We desire to call attention to the fact that in projecting the plans for the locating of the Theological Seminary in Seattle, the sanction of the United Lutheran Church was officially given in the New York and Washington Convention Reports and that both the Pacific Synod and the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary were within their rights in the work thus far attempted.

2. We desire to give expression to the high regard in which we hold the splendid heroism and self-sacrifice manifested by the Pacific Synod, the Board of Directors and the faculty. Their devotion has been worthy of the highest traditions of our Church.

3. Upon due consideration of all the facts submitted to us, we are led to believe that the presentation given by our Commission, pages 13-17 in the official Bulletin of this Convention, is substantially a correct statement of the essential facts in the matter.

4. Your Committee unanimously concurs in the conclusion therein set forth, especially in two particulars:

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(a) There should be but one seminary of the United Lutheran Church on the Pacific Coast.

(b) That the interests of the United Lutheran Church will be best served by locating the Seminary at or in the vicinity of Berkeley, California.

5. We recognize the constitutional rights of the Pacific Synod and do not, in any way, desire to infringe on those rights. We feel, however, that when the Church as a whole is asked to finance almost the entire project in question, it is only just and fair that the expressed judgments of the Church should be given most careful consideration.

Signed:

JOHN WEIDLEY, *Chairman.*
HENRY W. A. HANSON, *Secretary.*

The Report was considered seriatim. Item 4, a and b, adopted. The Report was adopted as a whole.

On motion of the Rev. F. W. Bussard it was ordered that the statement of the Pacific Synod be incorporated in the Minutes in connection with the above report. The statement here follows.

Statement of Pacific Synod's Position in Regard to the Conclusions and Recommendations of the Commission of Survey

(Unanimously adopted at Tacoma, January 20, 1922)

In view of the conclusions and recommendations of the Survey Commission of the United Lutheran Church in America and of the report of the Synod's Committee on Conference with the said Commission, the Executive Committee recommends the adoption of the following:

STATEMENT OF THE SYNOD'S POSITION

The Pacific Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, zealous for the prosperity and progress of the United Lutheran Church in America, entirely loyal to the interests of that Church, and conscious of the solemn obligations which fidelity to those interests impose upon her, believing that such interests and prosperity would be seriously imperiled and impaired by the ultimate adoption of certain conclusions contained in the Report of the Survey Commission of the United Lutheran Church, very respectfully presents unto the said Church the following considerations:

I. IN GRATEFUL RECOGNITION.

1. The Pacific Synod notes with gratitude the recommendation of the Survey Commission that the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension be urged to arrange for the cancellation of the loan made to the Pacific Theological Seminary by the General Council's Church Extension Society, and the adoption thereof by the Executive Board of the Church.

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2. The Synod furthermore takes grateful recognition of the support given by the Commission to the early appointment of a Western District General Superintendent of Missions.

II. On General Observations.

1. The Pacific Synod is in hearty accord with the general conclusion of the Commission that much of the initiative must be local and that the Synods and congregations upon the field must themselves be characterized by due industry and determination. We humbly believe that the record of this body's endeavor to found and build up for the Church a theological seminary on the West Coast will sustain the plea that, despite all derelictions, our people have not been unduly lacking in the qualities mentioned. And we beg respectfully, therefore, to call attention to the fact that the specific conclusions of the Commission, if ultimately adopted, would in reality penalize us for such initiative, industry and determination as may have been developed and exercised. We plead, moreover, that the enlistment of the whole-hearted endeavor of the entire Church was preeminently what, with the support of the General Council, we sought and were given assurance of in the First Convention of the United Lutheran Church in America.

2. The Pacific Synod firmly believes in the essential likeness of Lutheranism in all sections of our land. We believe, moreover, that such likeness, in fidelity and loyalty to the faith, does not contravene, but does rather justify, a rightful orderly measure of self-determination in the working out of problems peculiar to, or specifically affecting, a given section.

3. In view of the likeness of Lutheranism mentioned, the Pacific Synod feels that it would be a work of supererogation to assure the Church that in establishing the Pacific Theological Seminary, at Seattle, and in sacrificing and striving for it, she has sought and seeks as a matter of course to serve the Church as a whole. The struggle and the added burden which its maintenance has entailed upon her people manifestly marks it as not a selfish enterprise. She should therefore be deeply distressed and justly aggrieved if, in fidelity to what she believes to be the best interests of the Church, in view of commitments made and in the orderly preservation of her prerogatives, her inability to enter with readiness upon the particular plan proposed by the Commission should be construed as any taint upon her loyalty to the interests of the whole Church.

4. The Pacific Synod agrees with the Commission in the proposition that the burden of proof rests upon any move to make a change of location, but respectfully submits that such burden of proof has not been shown. It is manifestly impossible to argue the question here; yet it seems necessary, in view of certain inaccuracies, to examine some of the chief arguments advanced, either in the Report or in conference, in support of a relocation. These are:

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a. That the United Lutheran Church has a larger membership in California than on the territory of the Pacific Synod. True; but not nearly so much larger as the report of the Commission indicates, forasmuch as California is credited with a membership larger by 1,438, or approximately 35%, than the latest records show. And when the element of time is taken into consideration, the difference practically vanishes. And, using the same government statistics employed by the Commission, it is found that on the territory of the Pacific Synod, exclusive of British Columbia, the Lutheran Church in general has more than three times as many organizations, twice as many members and twice as many Church buildings, and that furthermore in the South almost 40% of this membership is in the Synodical Conference, while in the North less than 20% is so affiliated.

b. That Berkeley is a more central location for the West Coast than Seattle. The Report states: "Counting the whole territory concerned as reaching from the Mexican border to and including British Columbia, the centre is approximately in or just below this barrier" (in northern California). Any accurate map, accurately measured, according to the limits defined by the Commission itself, will prove this centre to be almost exactly at Seattle. Moreover, the percentage of Lutheran population is far larger in northern than in southern British Columbia.

c. That the whole Coast should be served by one seminary.

(1) For present needs. The Pacific Synod very respectfully affirms that there already exists one, for which the United Lutheran Church has officially said that "endowment and equipment should be supplied as speedily as possible."

(2) For the future. The Commission's admission of the special and insuperable difficulties involved, including the "barrier," which is even more extensive than the report indicates, the existence of which the Commission employs in favor of a relocation at Berkeley, and which is quite as much a barrier to those in the North as to those in the South, and the Commission's proposal of a junior seminary as a second institution on the Coast, in themselves would seem to indicate the inadequacy of one seminary for all time. Further, this argument was intimately associated in the conference held with representatives of this body with the proposition that the United Lutheran Church should have but five seminaries eventually on the whole North American continent (tentatively, one in the region of Waterloo, one in Pennsylvania, one at Chicago, one in the region of Fargo, and one on the Pacific Coast), which would uproot well established institutions that have long rendered and are now rendering valuable service to the Church. It was admitted, however, that such a plan was likely unrealizable. If realized, we hold that Seattle would be so pre-eminently and unmistakably the central location for the Pacific Coast as to leave no vestige of real solid argument against it. And if not realized, we hold that it would be a very grave mistake indeed to adopt a course which, in view of past history,

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our constituency would find it difficult to regard as other than a breaking of faith with this body and thereby to destroy the beginning that, with great sacrifice and high hopes, has been made exactly where the Church should eventually have to begin anew if she would effectually meet the situation on the "unchangeably divided" Pacific Coast.

d. That there will be greater general development in the San Francisco region than in that of Seattle, though admittedly but for a time, twenty-five years having been suggested as a probable limit. We agree with the Commission that "the long future can not be positively predicted," but believe that the best index thereto is to be drawn from the past. And forasmuch as the quarter-century immediately ahead of us has been alluded to, it is of some interest to observe that in the twenty-six years immediately preceding the general post-war demoralization (for which definite data are at hand), the foreign trade of the San Francisco district increased 453%, whereas that of the Seattle district expanded 47,770%. Or, taking a more recent period and viewing the comparative progress from another angle, it is shown by the latest U. S. Industrial Census, results of which are now being announced, that notwithstanding the fact that the last decade was for California a decade of extraordinary progress, whereas for Washington it was a decade of sub-normal development, nevertheless the five-year period covered by the said census has witnessed a far greater degree of progress at Seattle than at San Francisco, as demonstrated by the following percentages of increase:

	Seattle	San Francisco
Capital invested	157.5%	124.1%
Primary horse power employed	104.7%	61.4%
Persons engaged in manufacture	198.7%	45.7%
Wage earners (average number)	228.6%	53.0%
Salaries paid	243.2%	87.4%
Wages paid	542.1%	136.1%
Value of manufactured product	325.6%	157.1%

Or, again, coming down to the present moment and looking at the matter from yet another view-point, it is worthy of note that there are now operating out of Puget Sound fifteen transoceanic shipping lines as over against nine for all other Pacific ports combined, of which latter number four are to be credited to San Francisco. Finally, the unalterable natural advantages affecting future developments support the view that the conclusion of the Commission in regard thereto is erroneous.

e. Other considerations thus far advanced in support of the proposition to remove the Seminary we must, from intimate knowledge of the situation on the Coast, regard as distinct arguments against such a step.

III. On Specific Conclusions.

1. The Pacific Synod, therefore, feels that a proper regard for the true interests of all concerned oblige her, with all due consideration and respect but with clearness and unequivocation, to declare to the Church that the plan proposed by the Commission is inacceptable to her. Appealing to the Constitution of the United Lutheran Church in America and its authori-

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tative interpretation, which commits the control of the Seminary to the Synod, she is regretfully constrained to take her position in opposition,

a. Because of her moral and other obligations to those who have sacrificed that the Pacific Theological Seminary at Seattle might be;

b. Because of the history antedating the organization of the United Lutheran Church;

c. Because of the record of the Synod and the Seminary in relation to the United Lutheran Church, and the commitments therein made, which the adoption of the said plan would destroy;

d. Because of the interests of the United Lutheran Church in the far West which the ultimate adoption of the plan would seriously imperil.

2. Specifically, the Pacific Synod sincerely regrets that it can not give acquiescence to the proposed plan in the following respects:

a. This body can not agree to the removal of the Pacific Seminary from Seattle, Washington, to Berkeley, California. It sees nothing to gain for the Church thereby, with the probability of much loss. Reference is made in the Commission's report to the early endeavor to locate a seminary in the South. True; but it is to be remembered that at that time the Pacific Synod had but just been organized, while the California Synod by comparison was well established; that $10,000 had been pledged for a beginning there; and that the agreement of this Synod always had in view the subsequent development of a seminary in the North. That such endeavor failed was no fault of the Synods on the coast. It might also be observed, as a slight evidence that the Pacific Synod has not been moved and is not now moved by narrow, selfish or sectional considerations in this matter that even that early endeavor also, as a matter of fact, originated in this body. Much has happened since then. And for the sake of record, without in any wise discounting or disparaging the greatness and the importance and the value of the field of our sister Synod to the South between whom and us particularly cordial and sympathetic fraternal relations have obtained from the beginning, this Synod feels that it must respectfully dissent from the statement of the Commission that a location at Berkeley "would inevitably be the best decision for a new beginning today." The Synods in the far West involved in any proposed adjustments to be made, *"if possible,"* are for all practical purposes the Pacific Synod and the California Synod. The Pacific Synod is unanimously opposed to a removal. For the California Synod we can not, of course, and do not presume to speak. But we believe that the record up to this moment will sustain the statement that the California Synod has not desired and does not desire the removal of the Pacific Theological Seminary from Seattle to Berkeley. The statement, it might be added, is based upon the fact that the California Synod in its latest convention voted down a proposition advocating such removal.

b. The Pacific Synod can not acquiesce in the proposition to make the

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Seminary at Seattle a "junior seminary." Such proposition was not considered at the conference held. We submit that a "junior seminary" is an experiment that, aside from all other considerations, should be tried out if thought expedient at all, where there is no conflict with a long antecedent cherished history of loyalty, affection and sacrifice involved. A junior seminary would not and could not, moreover, meet the needs of the situation on our field. Other considerations might also be adduced. This Synod is in no wise averse to the United Lutheran Church making one of the two institutions conditionally suggested for the West Coast a junior seminary, if the Church find the step advisable and the time opportune and come to a logical conclusion in regard thereto; but it can not perceive the logic that would make the unborn babe, to be reared in an atmosphere where it is admitted that the special problem presented is operation with so-called non-Lutheran material and where there has been no strong and unified sentiment for a seminary, the *senior*, and denominate the established institution actually in operation in the most Lutheran region of the far West, with the confirmed loyalty of its constituency and the express sanction of the Church back of it, the *junior*.

c. The Pacific Synod gives its approval to the reservations made in regard to paragraph "d" of the Commission's Report by the Synodical Committee on Conference with the Commission. It begs respectfully also to give official expression to its view that if it is expected to confer something of the powers constitutionally belonging to itself to an advisory committee external to itself it must in all fairness be understood that the members to be appointed thereon shall be sympathetically disposed toward the fundamental purpose of the Synod to preserve and foster the Pacific Theological Seminary at Seattle. The reservations referred to are found in the Report of the Conference Committee of the Synod, Part II, Section 3.

IV. ON MATTERS OF RECORD.

1. The Pacific Synod, in view of certain references to the resolutions adopted at the Spokane Convention, feels obliged to reaffirm the position stated in those resolutions and to affirm further that the subsequent resolution concerning location mentioned by the Commission was not meant in any way to modify that position, but merely to give indubitable and satisfying assurance to the Commission that there should be no denial of a full and free consideration of matters relating to location. Such assurance, moreover, was already implicitly involved in the prior resolution to "afford them every opportunity to obtain all information desired."

2. The Synod cannot but consider that the resolutions in recognition and in behalf of the Pacific Theological Seminary, at Seattle, adopted by the United Lutheran Church upon the definite recommendation of the General Council and with the active support of the late Dr. Schmauk, the President thereof, in the First Convention at New York—as an action of the Church, the provisions of which have not yet been either fulfilled or

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rescinded—are still in operation and effect; and that the proposals now made are altogether at variance with both the letter and the spirit thereof.

3. The Pacific Synod would respectfully call attention to the presence of the qualifying clause "if possible" in the Washington resolutions when reference is made to contemplated adjustments after study of "the whole question of Christian education and of institutions especially as it relates to the far West." The reference to adjustments therein contained, both because of the context and because of other considerations, has not been interpreted by this Synod as applying specifically and exclusively to the Pacific Theological Seminary at Seattle. If, however, it be argued and granted that such was the specific intent then assuredly the Pacific Synod, as the only body whose vested property rights are thereby affected, is clearly entitled to primary consideration under the limiting clause, and afforded an effective protest both by the provisions of the Constitution and by the terms of the resolution itself.

In conclusion we desire very solemnly to give assurance of our wholehearted devotion to the interests of the United Lutheran Church in America; to aver that in the foregoing declaration, the necessity of which we deeply deplore, there is no intent of personal criticism; and to implore the Church speedily to find a solution to the problem presented which does no violence to engagements heretofore entered into and which we can accept without imperiling her best interests in this wide field of Lutheran opportunity, so that we may press on to build up and to strengthen her interest therein without employing so much of our energy and our time in sustaining positions that we have considered secure through past enactments.

F. W. BUSSARD, *President.* W. I. ECK, *Secretary.*

Report of Executive Board, I, F, 3 (b) adopted.

The action of the Executive Board concerning a United Christian College in India as presented in the report of the Board (III, B, 2, c) was approved.

The item of the Executive Board's report concerning eleemosynary institutions (VIII, 6 (3)) was adopted.

The budgets proposed by the Executive Board were next considered. Item VIII, 6 (4) A adopted. VIII, 6 (4) B. On motion of Treasurer E. Clarence Miller, $7,000 was added to the amount allotted to the United Lutheran Church treasury making it read $57,000 instead of $50,000. As thus amended the budget (B) for 1923 was adopted. VIII, 6 (4) C. On motion of Treasurer E. Clarence Miller $7,000 was added to the amount

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allotted to the United Lutheran Church treasury making it read $70,000 instead of $63,000. As thus amended the budget (C) was adopted.

The Report of the Executive Board was adopted as a whole.

Supplementary Report of the Executive Board

The Rev. H. A. Weller presented a Supplementary Report of the Executive Board. (For the Supplementary Report and action thereon see Minutes of the Thursday Morning session, October 19th.)

In connection with item e President Knubel introduced the Rev. John M. Bellan recently returned from Czecho-Slovakia where, with authority of the President of the United Lutheran Church, he represented the latter in the matter of the proposed agreement. Mr. Bellan spoke of the conditions of the Church in Czecho-Slovakia and also in Jugo-Slavia.

Upon the request of President Knubel that the Convention declare more definitely whether it were willing to endorse the stand taken by the President in regard to the World Conference on Faith and Order, and the Universal Conference on Life and Work, it was moved and carried that the President's stand be endorsed.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That the Executive Board be given authority to prepare a pamphlet for publicity containing such deliverances of this Convention as seem to deserve such publication.

The Rev. J. C. Seegers, Chairman of the Committee on Evangelism submitted for the Committee the following:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM

The Committee on Evangelism desires to make the following statement and offer the subjoined recommendations for the thoughtful consideration of this body.

The committee had four meetings, one in New York City and three in Philadelphia. At none of these meetings was the personnel of the committee fully represented. It is a difficult matter to have a meeting of a committee the membership of which is so widely scattered. During the past year one of the members of the committee, Mr. C. Schimmelfeng, of

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Warren, Pa., was called from the scenes of labor on earth to the higher and more blessed service in heaven.

In attempting to meet the duties assigned the committee and to solve satisfactorily the problems connected therewith, in order to avoid a program which would be radical on the one side and sterile on the other, your committee had under careful study and review the programs issued by all the historic bodies in Protestantism. We wanted to ascertain their elements of strength and weakness. As a result of this comparative study, together with an appreciative recognition of the distinctive principles of our Church, which must be reflected inevitably in our practices and which must control every expression of life, we submit the following most respectfully.

The question of Evangelism is prominent in the thought of the entire Church. We take it that this fact evidences not only a protest against certain types of Evangelism which have been more or less prevalent in our land, but it registers a determination to deal with the question in a most serious manner and to present a constructive program which will make for efficiency and potency in the outward reach of the Church. The outstanding feature of the programs thus far issued is their harmony with the genius and the spirit of the denomination which published them. They harmonize with the usages and practices of the particular Church. This fact makes it imperative for our Church, which perhaps is "best equipped for a full evangelizing program," to meet the issue squarely and formulate for the congregations a program which will harmonize with her spirit and genius, and which will, therefore, make her influence more effective and her impact upon the great mass of people outside of the Church more definitely felt. We do not want "to borrow our Evangelism." This is as undesirable as it is impractical. We must demonstrate that ours is a more excellent way. The day for negative attitudes is past. The day for adopting the methods of others should never dawn. The day for positive, aggressive action is here.

To view the subject in a manner that will be helpful and which will enable us to see the necessity of a distinctive approach, we ask for your careful consideration of some definite principles, the substance of which is not new, but the continuous recognition of which is essential.

I. The Church to be evangelical must be evangelistic.

II. In being evangelistic she must be evangelical.

III. To be evangelical in her evangelism she must be faithful and true to the means of grace ordained by her Living Head.

IV. These means are the Word and Sacraments. There are no extraordinary means. Through these the Holy Spirit has been gathering souls from the great mass of mankind since Pentecost and bringing them through faith into union with Jesus Christ.

V. These means, which have proven potentially effective through the

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ages, and which are absolute and indispensable, have been committed to the Church for administration, the purpose of which administration is to bring men to faith in Jesus Christ and to keep them in union with Christ in true faith.

VI. The Church is represented by the congregation as the primary body and through it she carries out her God-given task of making disciples, evangelizing and Christianizing the world.

VII. Through the proclamation and administration of Word and Sacraments the congregation must be urgent in its endeavor to make practical and effective the admonition of Christ to go into the highways and byways in order that men shall be brought to the Gospel Feast, *i. e.*, the congregation, in possession of the means of grace, must inaugurate activities which have as their aim the bringing of the message of the Gospel to the individuals who have had no fellowship with Christ and the Church, or who by lives of indifference have lapsed from such fellowship.

VIII. Every community, the rural districts, small towns and cities, as well as metropolises, offers opportunity in the unchurched masses for such an activity.

IX. If extraordinary or unusual methods are necessitated in order to inaugurate such an activity, "the ordinary modes of administering the means of grace which have been approved by the experience of the Church should be safeguarded and protected and not disparaged." However extraordinary be the method of presenting the truth in prosecuting this activity, this work of Evangelism, the aim should be "to lead to an ever-growing appreciation and use of what is provided in the Church's ordinary ministrations."

X. In the administration of the means of grace the aim should be not merely the gaining of new recruits from among those who have never made a profession of Christ, but also to prevent losses from the Christian ranks and to retrieve the losses sustained.

XI. The emphasis placed upon the means of grace by the Lutheran Church, her belief in the constant and inseparable presence of the Holy Spirit with the Word to work faith in the heart peculiarly fits the Lutheran congregation not only to be a true witness for Christ in every community, but to be an effective agency in saving the souls of men wherever and in whatever condition they may be found.

The Congregation in Action.

From the above propositions it becomes apparent that for an effective Evangelism the congregation must be the center of activity. It must represent the congregation in action. It must be in harmony with the life of the congregation, whose usages and practices root in and are reflective of the faith of the congregation. Evangelism superimposed upon the congregation from without will be ineffective. It will be preventive of the

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most permanent growth of the congregation and will militate against the efficiency of its ministrations in behalf of those brought to a knowledge of Jesus Christ through its efforts. It becomes evident, therefore, that it will be unwise and will prove subversive of the highest interests and preventive of the most permanent results for a Lutheran congregation to attempt Evangelism by identifying with movements originating in and controlled by those of other faiths and practices. This very fact, which limits our activities to movements in harmony with our faith and practice, throws a greater responsibility upon our congregations. It means the congregation is responsible for and must take care of and seek earnestly those in the community who are not of the Church. The fact that we cannot identify ourselves with certain specific activities originating from sources independent of us, the methods of which are not compatible with our principles, is no justification for inactivity. That very fact calls the louder for definite action. Our principles may require us to stand alone at times, frequently alone with sharp criticisms and unwarranted suspicions, but they do not require us to stand aloof from and be indifferent to the surging crowds in the community who are not of the household of faith. There is such a thing as the mission of the home Church as well as the home mission of the Church. We owe a debt to the community. We are a part of it. The unchurched mass needs our influence, our saving ministrations. Whether we have contributed in any way to the making of this mass. whether we are in a measure responsible for its size, may be waived for the moment, but our duty toward that mass is clear. Definite inroads upon it must be made. It must feel the impact of our contact with it. Emphasis is being laid upon this fact in order to show the twofold responsibility of the congregation in this respect. First: It is under obligation to care for its own in such a way that the "crowd without" will not be enlarged. It must prevent lapses. Secondly: It must institute activities which will decrease the number of those without; it must gain recruits. A program of evangelical Evangelism must deal very seriously with the question of prevention and very earnestly with the problem of reclamation. Every program calls for the exercise of the teaching and preaching office. It demands more vigilant oversight.

Prevention.

As the aim of the Church should be to retain those gathered into her fold by her ministrations of the means of grace, to see to it that none be lost through her neglect or failure to care properly for the flock, the first requisite is the adoption on the part of the congregation of methods which will stop the leaks if there are any. Every agency which deals with the individual should be keenly alive to the individual's permanent relation with the Church. If the crowd without is not to be enlarged the crowd within must be retained.

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The Home.

The first agency is that of the home. The work of retention is begun here. Here the child should begin to learn of its heavenly relation. In the early hours of its life the baptized child should learn the important truth that it has renounced the world, the flesh and the devil; that it has put on Christ; that it has covenanted with God to walk in newness of life. It should realize, with its awaking consciousness, that it belongs to God and God belongs to it. It should grow in grace as well as in stature. No congregation can be indifferent to the atmosphere which permeates the homes of its members. It should make every effort to have the home realize its responsibility. Religious instruction should be given at the fireside as well as the offering of sacrifices of prayer and praise. Pastoral oversight becomes imperative in this respect. The pastor must use his every effort as the overseer of the flock that the members of his flock are not being poisoned on the one hand or starved on the other. The life of no lamb can develop without daily food. On the one hand it is a crime, on the other it is death that the lambs be fed weekly and then in small portions. The child's first love for God and the things of God and His house is kindled on mother's knee.

The Sunday School.

Following the home teaching comes that which more specifically falls under the care of and is given by the congregation. The Sunday School is the congregation at school. Through this agency the congregation imparts instruction, awakens Christian and Church consciousness and develops Christian Church workers. Too much stress cannot be laid upon the congregation's school as a preventive agency. Here is where the strictest oversight and the most careful supervision must be had. The lapsing tendency begins with the scholar in the Sunday School. Jealous watchfulness should be kept on the entire machinery of the school. The scholar should be studied. His interests should be observed. His absence should be traced, his withdrawal analyzed.

The instruction should be positive and factual. It should lead to conviction. It should confirm the faith of those taught and result in a deeper consecration to Christ. The child will then know what and whom it believes and thus it will be safeguarded against the world.

Catechization.

Supplementing this instruction in the Sunday School is that given by the pastor in the catechetical class. Greater stress must be given to this agency as a preventive force. If it is to accomplish its purpose, the instruction must cover a longer period of time and in some cases be of a different nature. Truth must be individualized. It must be brought into actual contact with the individual. Catechization deals primarily with life. It looks toward the Holy Communion. It aims to confirm faith.

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Through the further ministrations of Word and Sacraments, through the continual application of grace through fervent preaching of vital truths, faith will be reinforced, the soul will be anchored, the person saved. When temptations come to such a soul, when strong influences are borne down upon it to turn it away from Christ, it will answer: "To whom shall I go; He has the Word of eternal life." The first step in evangelical Evangelism is prevention.

Reclamation.

The conservation of our own forces, the caring for our own, does not represent our full obligation as the Church of the Gospel. We are not reaching the full measure of our fidelity, nor discharging our full duty. unless by "every means in our power and every possible adjustment of method we reach outward for the careless and indifferent, regardless of their antecedents, that they may be brought to a saving knowledge of Christ." For this work of reclaiming and ingathering, several things are necessary.

First: There must be personal effort. The work may be engaged in by the entire congregation, but it must be the congregation as it is composed of individual units. The congregation cannot work en masse. Every member must feel the necessity of being a real missioner. Through the instruction given by the congregation the consciousness of its members must develop to such a degree that personal responsibility will be a matter of conscience. The "energies of the entire congregation must be marshalled for the ingathering of souls," mobilized for a definite and an intelligent attack upon the masses outside of the Church. But the movement of the congregation will be determined by the action of the individual members.

Second: Special congregational services of a distinctive character should be held. The seasons of Advent, Lent and Pentecost lend themselves very consistently to such services. Such services may be, perhaps should be, conducted simultaneously with meetings conducted by congregations of other faiths and practices, in order to take advantage of the psychology of doing the thing the people are thinking about. The sermons at these services should not be vague or vapory, and the services should be dignified and attractive. Serious minded people do not want entertainment, and the Church that does not present a definite message will not be likely to gain permanent recruits. Perhaps in a less formal, but not in a less emphatic manner, than at the regular services, in all simplicity and in urgent, intense seriousness and personal application the great and fundamental truths of Scripture, in their indispensableness should be declared. False conceptions of spiritual things, their nature and value of life, of the Church, of sin, should be corrected. God, redemption, faith, righteousness, life, death, eternity, etc., all should be unfolded, emphasized and enforced.

Third: In addition to these special services, which should aim to reach

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the "up and out" as well as the "down and out," the pastor should preach evangelistic sermons. In a clear, positive manner the truth as it is in Christ should be directed toward those who are at the service but out of the Church. These sermons may deal with matters of particular value to the believer. The comforts and joys of the life of a believer may be a thousand times more effective on the mind of him who does not believe than the most graphic picture of hell. The sermon need not necessarily touch sins, if it only deal with sin, emphatically and uncompromisingly. The primary concern is the regeneration and renovation of the sinner rather than his mere reformation. The sermon should move the will. It should stir the "emotions," not to excite for its own sake but as a means of persuasion to the corresponding action.

Fourth: but souls that have been awakened must be dealt with tenderly and very conscientiously. They need to be nurtured. They dare not be left alone. They must be shepherded. They must be fed. Hence, classes for further instruction should be formed of those in whom the desire to live the life in Christ has been awakened. All Evangelistic services must end with and lead to Evangelical instruction. For all persons influenced by the truth must be brought into saving knowledge of that truth. The converts must be discipled.

Fifth: These classes for adults become not only "centers of information concerning our Church to all who are willing to hear" but places of learning the truth that makes wise unto salvation. Pastors should never forget that the material for the catechetical class may be found in abundance in this unchurched mass, and that many souls therein are eager to receive that which they have to give. There is no reason why a class should not be maintained all the time, and confirmation administered any Sunday.

Sixth: Therefore, it is important that the pastor should be his own Evangelist. He cannot escape the responsibility coming to him through his office, yet if there are those who are particularly gifted in presenting the truth, the pastor may engage the services of such an one.

Seventh: Congregations of the same faith may unite in the conducting of special services.

RECOMMENDATION.

I. That, in order that the work of Evangelism may be prosecuted effectively and wisely, the Presidents of Constituent Synods be requested to appoint a committee on Evangelism which shall act in conjunction with the Committee on Evangelism appointed by the United Lutheran Church in America.

II. That the Presidents of Constituent Synods be requested further, to organize, through the co-operation of the Committee on Evangelism of the U. L. C. in A., the forces of our own Church in strategic centers in order to make practical a program of Evangelism.

III. That the congregations of our Church be impressed with the

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necessity of greater zeal in the matter of Evangelism, and that definite instruction be given by the pastor or competent teacher under his direction or authorized by the Church, which shall qualify individuals to go in search for those who are lost.

IV. The creation and dissemination of literature on this subject.

SUGGESTIONS.

Several suggestions may be given in conclusion:

1. Let every pastor prepare, in the Fall, what may be called a Prospective List; i. e., a list which will contain the names of those who may be regarded as prospective members. It should contain the names of all legitimate material, which may be developed during the year. Start with the families already associated with the congregation, e. g., the wife is a member, the husband is not, or vice versa; daughters are associated, sons are not. The members of the family not identified with any church are legitimate material. The pastor of part of the family should cultivate the members of the family who have no pastor. People in the neighborhood should be listed. Men associated with men of the congregation should be noted. The names of those crossed off from the roll as dead timber. should be studied with a view of reclaiming. This gives a working and workable list for the year.

II. After the list has been prepared it should be subdivided, and given to the members of the various organizations of the congregation.

III. Regular and persistent visitation should be a feature of the Fall and Winter's work. An every member canvass that has souls as its aim should be introduced. It is worth while. It will prove profitable. It will increase the efficiency of the "crowd within" and diminish the size of the "crowd without."

IV. In rural communities, or small villages and down town centres in cities there should be definite Evangelism. The aim should be to preach the Gospel in those sections where services are not held regularly, and where the Gospel is not preached. There are sections sparsely settled without proper spiritual care. Services should be held in these places. Such service will give the pastors a new vision. It will give the human touch and Evangelical fervor to their preaching.

Respectfully submitted,

The Committee,

J. C. SEEGERS, *Chairman.*

The recommendations 1, 2, 3 and 4 adopted.

The Report was adopted as a whole.

The Rev. E. K. Bell, President of the Board of Foreign Missions offered the following as a substitute for the resolution concerning a special appeal presented by Secretary Drach, Friday afternoon, October 20th, and referred to the Executive Board:

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Resolved, That while we recognize our right to make special appeals to congregations and individuals for the work of our Board, yet we ask for the special endorsement of this Convention of an appeal which we propose making for $300,000 to remove the deficit of our current fund and extend our work in the Mission Field.

The resolution was adopted.

The Report of the Board of Foreign Missions was adopted as a whole.

The Rev. F. G. Gotwald presented the following Supplementary recommendation of the Board of Education concerning Saskatoon Seminary.

Supplementary Recommendation of the Board of Education Concerning Saskatoon Seminary

In compliance with the action of the Convention, referring to the Board for further consideration and action the needs of this institution in view of the non-completion of the $50,000 building fund, and after further consideration as to the best methods of attaining this end, we respectfully recommend:

First: That the convention renew its expression of favor and sympathy for this worthy enterprise, already given at the Washington convention, and urge its hearty support by all our pastors and congregation in any further appeals in its behalf;

Second: That the synods be requested to complete the quotas originally assigned, the balances on said quota being as follows:

Synod	Quota	Contributions	Bal. Due	Over-Paid
Alleghany	$1,965.30	$495.75	$1,469.55	.....
California	280.95	85.00	195.95	.....
Canada	1,047.00	915.28	131.72	.....
Central Canada	131.68	59.71	71.97	.....
Central Pa.	962.00	27.75	934.25	.....
East Pa.	3,100.65	195.10	2,905.55	.....
Georgia	299.62	55.00	244.62	.....
German Nebraska	907.12	820.59	86.56	.....
Holston	165.00	.....	165.00	.....
Illinois	1,752.82	917.70	835.12	.....
Independent	.....	50.00	.....	.....
Indiana	676.80	215.30	461.50	.....
Iowa	378.52	60.04	318.48	.....
Kansas	420.52	95.00	325.52	.....
Manitoba	376.67	1,062.01	.....	685.44
Maryland	2,732.55	378.90	2,553.65	.....
Michigan	877.87	.....	877.87	.....
Mississippi	50.62	16.28	33.34	.....
Nebraska	717.00	34.00	683.00	.....
New York	2,971.50	948.82	2,022.68	.....
New York Ministerium	4,842.37	3,857.71	984.66	.....
N. Y. & N. E.	1,779.60	1,034.04	734.56	.....

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Synod	Quota	Contributions	Balance Due	Overpaid
North Carolina	859.27	141.58	717.69	.....
Northwest	1,176.67	121.60	1,055.04	.....
Nova Scotia	219.75	.....	219.75	.....
Ohio	3,921.22	6,632.69	3,288.53	.....
Pacific	133.05	215.74	.....	82.69
Penn. Ministerium	12,753.37	6,052.46	6,700.91	.....
Pittsburgh	4,896.60	2,499.26	2,396.34	.....
Rocky Mountain	141.45	84.00	57.45	.....
Slovak Zion	347.85	30.00	317.85	.....
South Carolina	881.72	15.50	866.22	.....
Southwest Virginia	369.15	178.55	191.60	.....
Susquehanna	1,502.17	75.00	1,427.17	.....
Tennessee	1,061.85	.....	1,061.85	.....
Texas	212.72	173.40	39.32	.....
Virginia	493.35	94.68	398.67	.....
Wartburg	598.50	475.10	123.40	.....
West Penn	2,860.35	319.97	2,540.38	.....
West Virginia	329.55	148.05	181.50	.....
		22,581.53		

Third: That until the above quotas are paid, the Executive Board be authorized to arrange for the funds immediately necessary for the institution to complete the building.

The recommendation was unanimously adopted.

The Report of the Board of Education was adopted as a whole.

The Rev. A. R. Wentz presented the following report which was adopted.

Proceedings of the Historical Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States of America

BUFFALO, N. Y., *October* 21, 1922.

The President, Rev. Prof. F. P. Manhart, D.D., presided.

The Rev. Prof. A. R. Wentz, Ph.D., D.D., the Curator presented his report, which was adopted:

During the past biennium all of the current Lutheran publications, periodicals and books have come regularly to the hands of the Curator and have been added to the files and shelves of the Society's collection. In addition a number of extraordinary materials have been received, such as original documents pertaining to the personal life of Dr. S. S. Schmucker, the minute book of the Luther League of America, and so forth.

The work of gathering the older minutes of district Synods is in progress. We hope soon to issue a list of duplicates (mostly of Synod minutes). which we may offer in exchange for numbers lacking in our files, particularly for older minutes of some of the district Synods formerly belonging to the General Council and the United Synod in the South.

The collections of the Society have been consulted during the biennium by scores of persons making research for facts of Lutheran history. The increasing number of congregational and synodical anniversaries bring an

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increasing number of calls for materials contained in the library of the Society. The Curator has tried to be of assistance wherever possible in answering such calls for materials.

The possessions of the Society are especially valuable in synodical minutes and manuscript protocols of synods and conferences, in congregational histories, in Lutheran biographies, in its huge collection of pamphlets bearing on the American Lutheran Church in its files of Church periodicals, in its collection of Lutheran catechisms, in materials on Lutheran young people's organizations, and Lutheran educational institutions, male and female, in its large collection of Lutheran photographs, individual and group, and in its unpublished materials, such as Muhlenberg letters, the Berkenmeyer Chronicle, various personal diaries, and so forth.

These materials are now safely housed on a separate floor of the Seminary library at Gettysburg. They are convenient of access and comfortable facilities of research are afforded.

The report of the Treasurer, Mr. J. Elmer Musselman, was presented and adopted, showing a balance of $218.63.

The following officers were elected:

President, Rev. F. P. Manhart, D.D.

Vice-Presidents, Rev. J. A. Singmaster, D.D., LL.D., Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D.D., Mr. H. M. M. Richards, Litt.D., Mr. G. E. Schlegelmilch, Rev. Prof. L. Fuerbringer, Rev. Prof. O. M. Norlie, Litt.D., Rev. Prof. M. Reu, D.D., Rev. Prof. George Sverdrup, Rev. P. S. Vig.

Curator, Rev. Prof. A. R. Wentz, Ph.D., D.D.

Secretary, Rev. Prof. H. C. Alleman, D.D.

Treasurer, Mr. J. Elmer Musselman.

Miss Mary Markley read a summary of her paper, "Some Chapters on the History of Higher Education of Lutheran Women." Captain Richards read a paper on "Conrad Weiser, an Early Lutheran Patriot."

The minutes were read and approved and the Society adjourned.

A. R. WENTZ, *Secretary pro tem.*

The Rev. J. F. Ohl submitted the following report which was adopted:

REPORT OF THE CHURCH BOOK AND LITERATURE SOCIETY

In view of the income of this society, or rather its lack of income, the work that it has been able to accomplish is remarkable.

For the purpose of information and by way of emphasis we re-state the purpose of this organization, namely, "to supply the Common Service Book, either gratuitously or for part pay to mission congregations, institutions of mercy and such other places as it may be deemed expedient, to issue and disseminate, either gratuitously or at the lowest price possible, such literature as is designed to promote Lutheran consciousness and spiritual life."

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The Society is organized to do a work for the Lutheran Church similar to that done by the Bishop White Prayer Book Society of the Episcopal Church and the American Tract Society in the general distribution of Christian liteature gratis or at a nominal price, irrespective of cost of publication.

1. Since our last report the Society has supplied twenty-one missions with 596 copies of the Common Service Book and nine mission schools with 314 copies of the Sunday School Book. Another congregation was assisted in securing fifty copies of the music edition of the Common Service Book. Two institutions were furnished twenty-one copies of the Common Service Book. The Society has also placed 113 yearly subscriptions to The Lutheran for public libraries.

2. An arrangement has been made with the Board of Publication for the handling of the Society's eight tracts, which are sold at the nominal price of twenty cents a hundred for free distribution. During the biennium over 200,000 of these tracts have been printed and distributed, and the demand for them seems to be steadily increasing.

3. Since its organization the Society has distributed without cost 3,351 copies of the Church Book and the Common Service Book to 123 missions. It has given 1,579 copies of the Sunday School Book to missions and 381 yearly subscriptions to The Lutheran to public libraries. It has also placed 243 copies of the Church Book and the Common Service Book in twelve institutions. The Society has also been instrumental in securing for poor congregations and missions a large number of books by private and congregational donations which are not included in the above figures. This is a remarkable showing in view of the fact that the Society has never had an annual income of $1,000.

4. Two annual meetings were held, namely, 1921, in the Church of the Holy Communion, Philadelphia, the Rev. J. Henry Harms, D.D., pastor, and 1922, in Trinity Church, Norristown, Pa., the Rev. P. Z. Strodach, D.D., pastor. At the latter meeting the Choir of Trinity Church gave a model rendition of the Service and the Rev. Prof. Luther D. Reed, D.D., delivered an address on "The Liturgy and Life."

5. The present officers and Board members are: Rev. J. F. Ohl, Mus.D., D.D., 826 South St. Bernard Street, Philadelphia, President; Rev. A. C. Carty, 256 Farragut Street, Philadelphia, Vice-President; Rev. W. L. Hunton, Ph.D., D.D., 116 East Upsal Street, Corresponding Secretary; M. L. Holloway, 2917 North Twenty-sixth Street, Philadelphia, Recording Secretary; Carl F. Hassold, 410 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Treasurer; Prof. Luther D. Reed, D.D.; George W. Sandt, D.D.; Gomer C. Rees, D.D.; George H. Trabert, D.D.; Prof. Charles M. Jacobs, D.D.; F. H. Knubel, D.D., LL.D.; Rev. John C. Mattes, Rev. Joseph S. Schantz, Rev. William Freas, James H. Wolfe, Esq., Harry Hodges, William Benbow, Harvey Wattles, Oscar C. Schmidt, George C. Baum, Hon. Charles A. Smith, Howard W. Lewis Esq., L. W. Steeble, Dr. E. Clarence Miller.

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6. In view of the very great help which this Society could render to the Home and Inner Mission, as well as educational work of the Church if it had a large income, the Society requests the United Lutheran Church to commend its work to the churches and the people and to recommend that an effort be made to increase the membership of the Society to at least 5,000 annual members or memberships.

7. For the purpose of wills, bequests and special donations we would call attention to the corporate title of the organization, namely, "The Church Book and Literature Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Church," and would request that the Society be approved by the United Lutheran Church as worthy of receiving special legacies and gifts for the furtherance of its work.

8. According to the articles of incorporation, this Society would be perfectly capable of handling special memorial funds for the free circulation of tracts or booklets or for their publication at reduced prices because of special endowments to provide for the cost of plates. We would urge this method of securing a large amount of literature for the widest circulation at the lowest possible cost.

This Society is organized to serve the Church in the dissemination of literature free or at cost and the limits of its service depend entirely upon its income, which should be increased fivefold during the coming biennium in order that the Society may meet the demands which are made upon it.

WILLIAM L. HUNTON, *Corresponding Secretary.*

On motion the matter of printing the Minutes of this Convention was referred to the Executive Board with power.

On motion of President Knubel the following report was ordered spread upon the Minutes of this Convention with an expression of very hearty gratitude to the Rev. Mr. Dillenbeck for the service rendered by him:

Your Superintendent of Exhibits at the Buffalo Convention would report that the following Synods, twenty-seven in all, sent displays which were shown:

Iowa, Nebraska, Georgia, California, East Pennsylvania, Pacific, Kansas, Rocky Mountain, North Carolina, Indiana, Northwest, Central Canada, Canada, West Virginia, Ministerium of New York, Ministerium of Pennsylvania, New York, Central Pennsylvania, Mississippi, Ohio, West Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, Texas, New York and New England, Alleghany, Illinois and Susquehanna.

The following Boards and Committees furnished exhibits:

Laymen's Missionary Movement.
Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society.
Board of Education.

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Young People's Societies.
The Brotherhood.
The Publicity Committee.
The Immigrants' Mission Board.
The Foreign Mission Board.
The Board of Publication.
Committee on Church Architecture.
National Home for the Aged.
Board of Inner Mission.
Northwestern Mission Board.
Board of Deaconess Work.
Home Mission and Church Extension Board.
Board of Ministerial Relief.
Statistical Committee.
National Lutheran Council.
Committee on Necrology.

The work has been a pleasure and we want to thank you and all others of the Synods and the Boards for the hearty co-operation we received.

Respectfully,

A. L. DILLENBECK, *Superintendent of Exhibits.*

The Rev. Dr. Bramkamp, on behalf of the churches at Chicago, invited the United Lutheran Church to hold its next Convention in that city.

The Secretary read an invitation from the Lutheran Ministers Association of Cleveland.

On motion the invitation of the Chicago churches was accepted.

The following report was received and ordered spread upon the Minutes:

Report of the Committee on Leave of Absence

The following have presented valid reasons for leave of absence:

Rev. J. L. Neve	Mr. H. C. Hoffman
Rev. W. L. Stough	Mr. Reuben Weisgerber
Rev. H. E. Jacobs	Mr. J. A. Hill
Rev. John Wagner	Mr. S. R. Kepner
Rev. A. M. Stamets	Mr. Benjamin Apple
Rev. J. E. Bittle	Mr. A. J. Hersch
Rev. E. von Hahmann	Mr. Alfred Arnesen
Mr. I. F. Mellinger	Mr. H. A. Kingsbury
Mr. A. E. Reiber	Mr. C. J. Driever
Mr. C. H. Esser	Mr. P. A. Elsesser
Mr. J. L. Zimmerman	Mr. M. G. Smith
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Mr. Paul Heyman	Mr. R. F. Bowe

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Mr. O. F. H. Bert
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Mr. Edward Weaver
Mr. Robbin B. Wolf
Mr. A. M. Hall
Mr. J. F. Gingenbach
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Mr. R. S. Saby
Mr. J. W. Kildow
Mr. J. D. Elder
Mr. F. S. Sammel
Mr. C. D. Fritz
Mr. M. W. Lutz
Mr. C. D. Zimmer
Mr. J. E. Spiegel
Mr. E. C. Meurer
Mr. Philip Ludwig
Mr. J. C. Sigmon
Mr. Alexander Diehl

Your Committee recommends that these be excused.

Your Committee further recommends that for future Conventions of the United Lutheran Church in America a plan be devised by the Executive Committee and its operation be entrusted to the respective Synodical delegations by which proper and continued attendance upon the sessions of the Convention may be assured and a record of the same be kept and handed to the Committee on Leave of Absence for their guidance.

Respectfully submitted,

JULIUS F. SEEBACH, *Chairman.*
(Signing for the Committee.)

On motion the approval of the Minutes of the two sessions of Wednesday October 25th was referred to the Executive Board.

The Acting President, Dr. Burgess, addressed the Convention speaking of the difficulties under which he had been called upon to preside, handing to President Knubel the gavel presented at the first session of the Convention and expressing his thanks to the members of the Convention for their co-operation. President Knubel made a suitable response to the Rev. Dr. Burgess, expressing to him the thanks of the Convention for the consideration and the wonderful efficiency with which he had performed the task to which he had been called.

Thereupon a motion to adjourn was put and carried. The President announced Hymn No. 167, after the singing of which he closed the Convention according to the Order for the Closing of Synods in the Common Service Book.

The President thereupon declared the Third Biennial Convention of the United Lutheran Church adjourned.

M. G. G. SCHERER, *Secretary.*

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SUNDAY SERVICES

On Sunday, October 22, services were conducted in Holy Trinity Lutheran Church as follows:

9:30 A. M.—Sunday School, conducted as usual, was visited by many Convention delegates.

10:45 A. M.—Morning Service, conducted by the pastors. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Charles M. Jacobs, D. D.

3:00 P. M.—Women's Missionary Mass Meeting. Address by Mrs. Katherine Scherer Cronk, "The Mothers of the United Lutheran Church in America."

7:45 P. M.—Informal Evening Service. Sermon by President J. A. Singmaster, D. D.

OTHER MEETINGS, CONFERENCES, ETC.

PROGRAM OF LUTHERAN EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

Held in Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Buffalo, New York, October 21, 1922, in connection with the Third Convention of the United Lutheran Church in America.

Rev. A. J. Turkle, D. D., President Board of Education, United Lutheran Church, presiding.

2:30 P. M.—A Lutheran College for Women—by Miss Mary E. Markley, Secretary for Women Students, Board of Education.

3:15 P. M.—Synodical Obligations to Lutheran Students in non-Lutheran Educational Institutions—by Rev. G. J. Gongaware, D. D., Vice-President Board of Education.

4:00 P. M.—The Church College the Servant of the Church—by Rev. W. H. Greever, D. D., Editor "American Lutheran Survey."

INNER MISSION CONFERENCE

Saturday, October 21, 1922

An Inner Mission Conference was held at the Church Home for the Aged and Infirm, 217 E. Delevan avenue, Buffalo, N. Y., on Saturday, October 21, 1922. Twelve Synods were represented through members of their committees, several of whom came to Buffalo chiefly for this Conference. Eight institutions of mercy and Societies were represented. Four members of the Board were among the twenty-four present.

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THE STATISTICAL SECRETARIES' CONFERENCE

The Conference of the Statistical Secretaries of the Constituent Synods of the United Lutheran Church in America with the Statistical and Church Year Book Committee, was held Saturday, October 21, in Zion Lutheran Church, Nineteenth and Ferry streets, Buffalo, N. Y., at 2:30 P. M.

The following members of the Statistical Committee were present: Dr. Ellis B. Burgess, Chairman, Rev. G. L. Kieffer, Secretary, Rev. M. G. L. Rietz, Dr. George H. Schnur and the Rev. C. W. Cassell; five out of eight members.

The following Constituent Synods, twenty-two out of thirty-six, were represented:

Min. of Pennsylvania, by Statistical Secretary, Rev. Ira F. Frankenfield and by Rev. D. H. Frederick.

Min. of New York, by Statistical Secretary, Rev. B. Mehrtens.

United Synod of North Carolina, by Statistical Secretary, Rev. E. H. Kohn.

Synod of Maryland, by Statistical Secretary, Rev. W. G. Minnick.

Synod of South Carolina, by State Statistician of South Carolina, Mr. B. M. Hare, Saluda, S. C.

Synod of Western Pennsylvania, by Statistical Secretary, Rev. D. S. Martin.

Synod of Virginia, by Statistical Secretary, Mr. Harry E. Pugh.

Eastern Pennsylvania Synod, by Statistical Secretary, Rev. J. D. Krout.

Alleghany Synod, by Statistical Secretary, Rev. C. P. Bastian.

Pittsburgh Synod, by Statistical Secretary, Dr. Geo. H. Schnur.

Indiana Synod, by Missionary Superintendent, Rev. J. B. Gardner.

Illinois Synod, by Statistical Secretary, Mr. Frederick Sachse and the Secretary of Illinois Synod, Rev. C. J. Rockey.

Texas Synod, by Rev. F. F. Eberhardt.

Synod of Central Pennsylvania, by Statistical Secretary, Rev. J. F. Harkins.

Mississippi Synod, by Statistical Secretary, Rev. M. D. Huddle.

Synod of Canada, by Statistical Secretary, Rev. O. Stockmann.

Susquehanna Synod, by Statistical Secretary, Rev. F. R. Greninger.

Synod of Nebraska, by Rev. W. I. Guss.

Synod of California, by Statistical Secretary, Rev. J. E. Hoick.

Rocky Mt. Synod, by Statistical Secretary, Rev. H. I. Kohler.

New York and New England Synod, by Statistical Secretary, Rev. E. M. Grahn.

West Virginia Synod, by Statistical Secretary, Rev. S. S. Adams.

The Standard Pastor's Parochial Blank was examined in detail. Parts

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were stricken out, other parts corrected, and additions were made with a practically unanimous vote on all items.

The conference unanimously voted to retain the work sheet of the Standard Pastor's Parochial Blank, to make the Assembly Sheet uniform with the work sheet, and that certain definitions be added and others clarified.

The Secretary was instructed to hand a carbon copy of the Minutes of the proceedings of the Conference to the Committee of the Buffalo Convention on the Proceedings of Constituent Synods.

Steps were taken to prepare a uniform system for use in keeping parish records.

The Statistical Secretary was requested, if practicable, to visit the theological seminaries to instruct the students as to how to use the Standard Parochial Blanks, and also to emphasize the importance of parish records.

THE LUTHERAN BROTHERHOOD

The Lutheran Brotherhood held its Seventh Convention in Buffalo. N. Y., October 16-17, 1922. The program and business sessions were held in Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Monday afternoon and all day Tuesday, Mr. C. J. Driever, Presiding. The addresses at all these sessions on various phases of men's work in the Church as related to Christian Education were of a high order of merit both in preparation and spirit. They were a fitting keynote to the great work for which the Brotherhood stands. The banquet on Monday evening at the Ellicott Club was a memorable function. Hon. John L. Zimmerman, LL. D., presided. The prayer was offered by Dr. F. A. Kahler. The welcome address was made by Mr. Christopher G. Grauer and the response by the presiding officer, Hon. John L. Zimmerman. In the absence of Dr. F. H. Knubel, owing to illness, the greetings of the United Lutheran Church were presented by Dr. V. G. A. Tressler. The able addresses of the evening were by Dr. John A. W. Haas on "The World Importance of the Lutheran Church," and Dr. Charles M. Jacobs on "Men of Vision." The music of the evening was furnished by Armbruster's Orchestra and the Quartet from the Church of the Redeemer. The business sessions of the Convention were all characterized by purpose and plans of large things for the Brotherhood as an organization for service in the United Lutheran Church.

The following were elected as officers for the ensuing biennium:

Mr. Chas. J. Driever, Chicago, President.
Mr. Geo. M. Jones, Reading, Penna., Vice-President.
Mr. A. H. Algren, Atlanta, Ga., Vice-President.
Mr. Albert F. Sittloh, Denver, Colo., Vice-President.
Mr. A. H. Homrighaus, Chicago, Recording Secretary.
Mr. C. W. Howe, Chicago, Treasurer.

The Executive Committee remains the same as in the preceding biennium.

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1. Executive Board
2. Commission of Adjudication
3. Board of Foreign Missions
4. Board of Home Missions and Church Extension
5. Board of Northwestern Missions
6. Immigrants Mission Board
7. West Indies Mission Board
8. Committee on Jewish Missions
9. Board of Education
10. Inner Mission Board
11. Board of Publication
12. Board of Ministerial Relief
13. Parish and Church School Board
14. Board of Deaconess Work
15. National Lutheran Home for the Aged
16. Committee on Church Papers
17. Executive Committee of the Laymen's Missionary Movement.

LIST OF COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS, ETC.

1. Statistical and Church Year Book Committee
2. Committee on Common Service Book
3. Committee on Church Music
4. Committee of Conference on Special Linguistic Interests
5. Committee on Lutheran Brotherhoods
6. Committee on Women's Work
7. Committee on Associations of Young People
8. Committee on Work Among Boys
9. Committee on Army and Navy Work
10. Committee on Moral and Social Welfare
11. Committee on Evangelism
12. Committee on Church Architecture
13. Committee on Publicity
14. Committee on Necrology
15. Committee on Transportation

(Its duties shall include all transportation interests, including the mileage and transportation arrangements for the Conventions.)

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16. Archivist
17. Statistical Secretary
18. Commissioners to the National Lutheran Council
19. Representative on the Advisory Committee of the American Bible Society.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

1. Committee to conduct the opening and closing services of each session
2. Committee on Leave of Absence
3. Committee on Proceedings of District Synods
4. Committee of Reference and Counsel

(Its duties shall include the consideration of all general resolutions before they are submitted to the Convention, arrangements with the President for the hearing of representatives sent to the Conventions, and general assistance to the President in the daily program.)

5. Committee to Nominate Executive Committee of Layman's Missionary Movement
6. Committee to Nominate Members of Boards
7. Committee to Nominate Members of Executive Board and all elective Commissions or Committees
8. Committee of Tellers

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8	Synod of Ohio	Nov. 7, 1836*	216	184	290	71,699	51,197	41,480	1,989	675	706	1,920	1,421	889	109	250	615	956	4,631
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10	Alleghany Synod	Sept. 9, 1842	82	70	149	35,632	27,041	20,980	1,030	161	305	877	625	265	61	104	333	492	362
11	Southwestern Virginia Synod	Sept. 20, 1842	28	26	67	6,342	5,216	2,571	116	46	67	87	195	50	8	24	42	86	57
12	Pittsburgh Synod	Jan. 15, 1845*	254	213	313	97,275	66,671	48,651	3,295	1,324	403	2,600	1,663	1,547	283	1,795	815	1,339	2,246
13	Indiana Synod	Oct. 28, 1848*	49	54	75	10,492	9,412	7,235	329	154	104	336	239	368	16	155	146	151	544
14	Illinois Synod	Sept. 8, 1851*	126	98	130	34,533	24,713	19,241	1,247	692	408	1,290	737	1,149	38	409	207	524	1,787
15	Texas Synod	Oct. 11, 1851	13	19	19	5,809	3,070	2,407	201	90	12	82	57	99	12	9	35	5	74
16	Synod of Central Pa.	Feb. 21, 1855	32	35	88	17,138	12,887	9,649	368	95	127	369	253	88	31	56	150	191	252
17	Mississippi Synod	July 25, 1855	6	5	14	874	733	369	26	22	3	26	3	59	.....	2	2	7	7
18	Synod of Iowa	Sept. 3, 1855	31	27	30	7,723	5,195	4,288	373	126	114	338	168	230	17	64	41	128	468
19	Michigan Synod	Oct. 27, 1855*	51	45	86	15,657	11,682	8,153	442	68	121	321	213	307	33	66	126	197	225
20	Synod of Georgia	July 20, 1860	23	19	32	5,954	4,084	1,996	137	60	45	119	103	50	4	51	50	68	53
21	Holston Synod	Dec. 29, 1860	8	12	25	2,203	1,546	846	45	.....	6	72	20	.....	2	2	28	20	.....
22	Synod of Canada	July 21, 1861	45	41	73	21,860	14,587	12,352	610	175	31	453	223	132	53	78	221	121	54
23	Susquehanna Synod	Nov. 5, 1867	48	46	79	28,403	21,799	16,413	933	254	166	627	547	408	51	97	268	343	205
24	Synod of Kansas	Nov. 5, 1868	48	36	42	8,108	5,768	4,445	276	173	122	238	229	206	14	64	73	145	564
25	Synod of Nebraska	Sept. 1, 1871	47	44	55	13,732	10,051	6,425	482	104	159	465	320	284	18	212	60	184	772
26	Wartburg Synod	1875	50	48	51	7,385	4,764	4,743	553	.....	23	300	43	229	34	80	114	30	99
27	German Neb. Synod	July 24, 1890	84	78	108	18,473	12,218	9,451	590	134	42	384	63	206	47	54	118	24	83
28	Synod of California	April 2, 1891	53	32	32	7,360	4,243	3,598	344	215	19	216	268	263	17	120	43	90	219
29	Rocky Mountain Synod	May 6, 1891	18	15	17	2,561	1,936	1,274	54	25	9	70	92	69	7	82	10	26	184
30	Synod of the Northwest	Sept. 22, 1891	69	59	69	27,478	17,381	12,718	1,007	1,301	112	959	357	1,360	37	560	99	271	1,094
31	Manitoba Synod	July 16, 1897	33	29	61	9,252	4,681	.....	529	.....	.....	251	.....	.....	12	.....	104	.....	.....
32	Pacific Synod	Sept. 26, 1901	21	24	25	3,864	2,099	1,606	177	202	26	187	82	181	8	98	21	29	129
33	N. Y. and New England Sy.	Sept. 23, 1902	81	63	63	37,275	25,898	19,259	1,336	963	102	1,432	791	947	67	268	238	292	763
34	Nova Scotia Synod	July 10, 1903	8	8	29	5,052	3,005	1,614	169	.....	9	140	24	1	16	1	35	17	33
35	Synod of New York	Oct. 7, 1908	148	136	158	53,277	36,717	22,721	1,536	509	182	1,375	510	802	96	1,376	502	424	1,783
36	Central Canada Synod	Nov. 11, 1908	14	13	17	3,066	1,992	1,403	105	.....	6	108	42	122	.....	.....	42	16	.....
37	Synod of West Virginia	April 17, 1912	16	19	39	6,003	4,272	3,311	167	40	50	146	93	41	13	41	51	101	218
38	Slovak Luth. "Zion" Synod	June 10, 1919	20	23	39	11,306	7,160	5,747	153	.....	.....	74	.....	7	.....	.....	43	.....	.....
	Totals	.....	2,887	2,492	3,803	1,147,007	801,250	597,768	37,403	11,773	5,302	30,467	16,456	16,500	2,392	8,921	11,051	11,475	25,485

*Merged Synods take the date of the oldest synod in the merger.

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Index Number	PAROCHIAL																				FINANCIAL		
	Church Papers			*Church Schools								Students				Church Societies						Valuation of Church Property		
				Sunday					Other Weekday							Men's		Women's		Young People's				
	No. Sub. to Synod'l Papers	No. S. S. Papers Ordered	No. Sub. to Other Church Papers	Number	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Home Dept.	Cradle Roll	Number	Teachers	Scholars	Catechumens	Ministry	Deaconess	In Lutheran Institutions	In Non-Lutheran Institutions	Number	Members	Number	Members	Number	Members	Church Edifices	Parsonages	School and Parish Houses
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44
1	6,288	12,690	3,422	569	10,472	100,749	4,061	9,586	56	196	3,547	4,227	91	11	185	706	159	7,904	557	26,935	443	20,337	11,797,343	1,273,255	315,850
2	.....	.....	.....	155	2,397	22,332	.....	.....	55	79	2,363	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,925	.....	11,850	.....	8,464	5,076,339	.....	.....
3	897	2,041	231	194	1,683	18,812	112	562	11	15	395	2,211	28	2	164	132	24	664	132	3,707	117	3,295	1,396,872	301,836	27,500
4	1,915	4,133	1,364	141	2,987	30,173	1,844	3,333	4	4	145	2,189	20	3	51	244	35	2,028	166	7,681	138	5,554	3,380,075	486,030	13,300
5	1,212	1,274	181	89	922	8,600	363	719	7	48	517	1,101	11	..	134	121	24	784	91	3,203	74	2,426	877,100	183,635	53,000
6	1,157	3,909	851	161	3,382	37,862	2,016	3,637	4	12	228	3,664	50	4	105	200	22	1,536	157	7,146	174	7,664	2,616,575	365,200	18,500
7	760	948	37	55	682	6,237	451	547	1	1	5	296	4	1	21	47	6	374	56	1,683	22	820	568,350	135,400	7,500
8	2,805	18,260	825	280	4,614	45,167	1,541	3,757	15	55	870	2,234	50	4	207	389	102	4,165	326	13,273	200	6,246	5,206,150	636,450	14,800
9	2,004	7,152	779	144	3,280	33,374	4,405	3,802	18	65	878	2,329	39	3	64	232	76	4,045	199	9,736	148	5,580	4,164,300	537,200	85,450
10	1,517	6,144	1,702	152	2,110	22,324	1,444	2,296	8	15	459	1,890	22	2	61	166	32	1,409	120	4,403	99	3,489	2,015,200	293,528	.....
11	258	1,077	5	65	450	3,842	148	256	4	6	92	188	4	..	40	24	6	211	41	1,011	26	853	353,900	92,500	10,000
12	3,491	16,609	4,018	291	4,422	42,430	3,291	6,424	19	74	1,084	3,992	53	3	150	390	91	3,861	377	13,929	281	9,560	5,327,500	790,910	92,500
13	494	2,551	131	65	854	7,448	487	736	.....	.....	.....	190	14	..	40	69	19	433	81	2,164	34	900	823,450	127,000	.....
14	1,372	8,478	846	127	2,268	19,933	654	2,144	8	11	299	1,380	18	1	80	159	55	1,999	192	6,563	124	5,806	2,122,000	356,500	29,000
15	218	110	176	20	95	1,009	.....	78	.....	.....	.....	71	3	..	.....	1	2	99	13	503	7	317	79,500	31,200	4,700
16	680	2,544	238	86	1,369	12,392	636	1,149	.....	.....	.....	735	15	..	29	98	8	390	64	1,974	50	1,778	816,375	126,100	.....
17	39	46	.....	9	53	350	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	..	1	19	.....	.....	4	48	1	25	13,250	1,500	.....
18	256	1,832	245	29	476	4,316	114	677	1	1	25	121	10	..	19	82	13	466	48	1,575	31	914	713,900	116,800	.....
19	918	2,679	297	80	817	7,997	252	1,107	3	3	80	271	5	..	13	67	28	1,226	85	2,268	43	1,219	1,145,250	232,709	10,000
20	244	463	97	26	292	2,161	50	183	4	24	248	179	10	..	13	27	10	326	30	1,106	15	559	342,416	65,930	.....
21	50	44	18	13	80	791	10	12	.....	.....	.....	35	.....	.....	2	11	4	41	12	170	.....	.....	158,100	26,700	.....
22	822	755	605	59	604	4,426	65	276	22	22	691	229	18	2	26	23	3	246	31	2,058	27	1,473	682,950	138,250	7,200
23	815	3,798	205	157	1,645	17,357	1,173	668	1	1	23	1,076	16	1	55	105	30	1,739	87	3,645	65	2,809	1,319,400	167,050	.....
24	1,029	2,355	258	42	585	4,364	161	508	3	12	134	409	2	..	17	137	13	449	62	1,871	44	1,126	702,200	123,900	400
25	414	2,838	330	52	721	6,150	359	908	.....	.....	.....	708	9	1	71	123	19	583	74	2,252	47	1,355	959,100	140,300	.....
26	866	.....	.....	31	359	3,671	10	188	9	9	369	160	8	..	14	6	8	345	34	1,696	22	812	438,150	65,700	15,600
27	1,007	960	122	105	313	3,176	54	16	29	32	574	254	10	..	29	16	2	40	40	1,028	21	738	533,000	194 300	11,400
28	224	1,136	195	30	335	2,626	168	412	4	8	139	206	4	..	3	68	9	219	46	1,459	29	642	830,800	32,800	.....
29	92	612	108	19	150	908	120	143	1	6	80	73	2	..	1	23	5	128	14	437	7	231	136,500	20,500	.....
30	649	3,059	475	66	1,042	8,964	401	1,066	8	19	327	1,130	14	..	13	156	31	1,201	71	3,143	77	2,293	1,233,750	156,100	46,100
31	.....	.....	.....	39	102	1,396	.....	.....	36	39	1,251	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	142	5	188	241,197	.....	.....
32	195	893	77	28	183	1,584	6	148	5	5	101	76	5	..	9	64	9	166	30	758	18	415	211,500	45,700	2,600
33	994	2,661	1,974	64	1,609	15,271	391	2,938	20	114	1,625	542	15	6	29	146	48	2,446	93	5,045	99	3,410	2,374,836	223,300	30,500
34	428	262	.....	14	150	1,427	.....	117	.....	.....	.....	178	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	15	421	5	255	174,400	34,000	.....
35	2,064	4,691	1,526	145	2,175	18,703	1,294	3,139	19	78	985	1,430	23	1	48	197	63	2,300	218	8,000	163	4,323	3,378,200	507,950	82,500
36	.....	.....	.....	16	162	973	.....	220	.....	.....	.....	55	3	..	8	8	3	53	18	372	18	459	187,566	47,000	.....
37	792	1,135	116	29	393	3,161	61	326	.....	.....	.....	191	3	..	10	28	8	242	29	834	20	507	413,200	61,000	.....
38	.....	.....	.....	35	35	135	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14	2	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	383,000	.....	.....
	36,966	118,139	21,454	3,682	54,268	522,691	26,142	52,148	378	984	17,824	24,974	443	45	1,719	4,208	927	47,206	3,206	141,206	2,511	107,000			

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Index Number	Valuation of Church Property				Congregational Expenses			Congregational Benevolence									Summary	
								Apportioned			Unapportioned							
	Endowment	Other Property	Total Valuation	Indebtedness	Current	Unusual	Total	Paid	Excess	Deficit	Education	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Inner Missions	Women's Missionary Society	Other Benevolence	Total Unapport'n'd Benevolence	Total Benevolence	Total Expenditures
	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63
1	670,495	415,725	14,472,668	1,092,067	1,105,781	719,761	1,825,542	245,122	3,264	88,136	89,472	9,810	4,459	43,940	18,674	114,886	281,241	526,363	2,351,905
2	.....	.....	5,076,339	417,915	586,931	.....	586,931	65,210	.....	52,938	19,403	.....	.....	.....	.....	80,774	100,177	165,387	752,318
3	27,200	21,585	1,774,993	84,521	134,348	126,627	260,975	30,759	125	3,244	18,621	3,292	6,050	6,133	6,370	14,298	54,763	85,522	346,497
4	59,197	40,100	3,978,702	237,270	311,527	187,434	498,961	82,963	7,832	11,482	12,561	11,232	5,730	9,018	12,483	23,351	74,375	157,338	656,299
5	32,750	3,350	1,149,835	97,183	95,206	70,423	165,629	26,041	129	8,267	4,938	2,482	2,752	3,009	5,795	8,776	27,752	53,793	219,422
6	185,965	57,754	3,243,994	32,865	278,077	82,263	360,340	86,997	10,795	23,217	.....	.....	.....	.....	14,330	80,827	95,157	182,154	542,494
7	43,250	19,425	773,925	36,800	59,616	49,682	109,298	15,593	847	5,602	4,993	3,094	1,203	4,111	2,591	4,587	20,579	36,172	145,470
8	173,157	118,195	6,148,752	387,512	552,933	300,296	853,229	145,123	7,395	38,122	152,359	17,381	6,567	12,521	14,105	35,682	238,615	383,738	1,236,967
9	108,785	411,500	5,307,235	490,765	430,053	214,101	644,154	95,825	16,150	9,957	14,908	15,928	6,040	15,775	18,419	37,136	108,206	204,031	848,185
10	53,106	50,200	2,412,034	161,751	222,988	252,833	475,821	66,653	.....	438	10,997	7,031	2,510	6,783	10,910	14,166	52,397	119,050	594,871
11	40,914	2,975	500,289	18,000	29,319	33,076	62,395	6,149	210	1,130	3,057	1,072	404	2,642	2,354	3,037	12,566	18,715	81,110
12	225,477	345,350	6,781,737	535,427	547,558	431,471	979,029	133,048	.....	20,496	105,444	12,835	7,704	26,601	25,064	93,677	271,325	404,373	1,383,402
13	18,200	21,950	990,600	62,215	122,168	62,982	185,150	26,948	1,293	3,796	21,958	3,162	3,778	2,541	3,709	8,648	43,796	70,744	255,894
14	25,925	48,315	2,581,740	237,723	268,899	211,750	480,649	59,877	1,631	4,504	16,530	6,691	2,949	52,643	9,893	22,658	111,369	171,246	651,895
15	.....	2,500	117,900	2,570	17,219	1,855	19,074	1,738	.....	2,793	401	16	222	72	7	1,787	2,505	4,243	23,317
16	9,100	13,125	964,700	11,860	75,556	40,523	116,079	26,507	4,400	1,370	7,239	1,529	386	1,843	3,428	6,354	20,779	47,286	163,365
17	.....	4,069	18,819	500	1,884	786	2,670	380	99	718	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	21	67	472	3,142
18	4,000	36,000	870,700	149,288	84,696	25,930	110,626	10,139	57	6,041	828	1,201	.....	970	2,166	883	6,048	16,187	126,813
19	3,350	143,600	1,534,909	126,185	106,641	54,607	161,248	20,609	801	2,807	15,648	1,906	223	211	2,013	10,296	30,297	50,906	212,154
20	11,400	45,250	464,996	114,000	39,367	91,430	130,797	8,300	23	139	217	457	828	318	992	3,638	6,450	14,750	145,547
21	6,800	.....	191,600	7,725	11,032	4,964	15,996	1,786	.....	104	.....	.....	.....	116	542	1,247	1,905	3,691	19,687
22	1,200	16,150	845,750	19,050	82,809	38,485	121,294	18,986	10	2,742	1,705	2,312	474	160	905	11,091	16,647	35,633	156,927
23	42,925	9,700	1,539,075	61,523	152,994	86,845	239,839	43,107	3,410	2,721	35,498	5,700	1,881	1,262	5,819	25,581	75,741	118,848	358,687
24	2,980	37,050	866,530	37,521	87,867	45,965	133,832	16,676	246	2,766	4,759	3,144	79	977	2,460	2,224	13,643	30,319	164,151
25	500	103,742	1,203,642	52,948	97,095	26,920	124,015	21,240	1,007	6,257	2,552	3,123	2,600	1,268	2,927	2,242	14,712	35,952	159,967
26	1,045	10,400	530,895	60,400	53,148	35,578	88,726	8,132	724	864	1,242	705	848	483	1,404	2,566	7,248	15,380	104,106
27	3,000	12,800	754,500	14,500	71,524	20,698	92,222	9,787	.....	2,873	4,323	420	412	865	234	4,675	10,929	20,716	112,938
28	8,293	6,954	878,847	42,630	57,624	30,745	88,369	9,005	555	2,176	134	755	72	432	2,321	7,341	11,055	20,060	108,429
29	.....	9,825	166,825	27,258	19,377	18,433	37,810	3,621	93	460	125	503	16	153	682	914	2,393	6,014	43,824
30	2,000	32,667	1,470,617	258,904	150,956	93,870	244,826	31,158	.....	.....	4,462	1,661	869	11,394	5,502	19,842	43,730	74,888	319,714
31	.....	.....	241,197	.....	40,426	.....	40,426	.....	.....	.....	3,629	1,042	1,042	.....	.....	5,646	11,359	11,359	51,785
32	.....	44,300	304,100	63,845	23,581	23,783	47,364	3,707	267	1,224	4,452	195	83	223	693	885	6,531	10,238	57,602
33	14,478	88,634	2,831,948	480,536	289,110	233,189	522,299	58,018	.....	.....	2,760	7,735	4,110	8,462	6,150	31,750	60,967	118,985	641,284
34	.....	850	209,250	25,005	17,302	20,085	37,387	2,851	.....	2,730	142	206	.....	15	39	1,022	1,424	4,275	41,662
35	89,706	85,700	4,144,056	371,975	308,000	135,035	443,035	42,630	1,003	29,322	2,579	12,968	1,705	25,620	5,123	8,333	56,328	98,958	541,993
36	28,100	.....	262,666	80,840	26,189	30,964	57,153	4,706	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	426	2,203	2,679	7,385	64,538
37	2,500	41,050	517,750	87,195	41,467	31,746	73,213	10,217	235	2,871	1,570	552	319	367	1,482	1,389	5,679	15,896	89,109
38	.....	.....	383,000	23,200	20,000	.....	20,000	524	.....	.....	15	50	.....	.....	.....	136	201	725	20,725

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COMPARATIVE PAROCHIAL STATISTICS OF THE UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA FOR 1919-1920-1921

Compiled by Rev. G. L. Kieffer, Statistical Secretary

Index Number	YEAR WHEN ORGANIZED	Pastors	Parishes	PAROCHIAL: Congregations	Membership: Baptized	Membership: Confirmed	Membership: Communing	Accessions: Children: Baptism	Accessions: Children: Otherwise	Accessions: Adult: Baptism	Accessions: Adult: Confirmation	Accessions: Adult: Certificate	Accessions: Adult: Otherwise	Losses: Children: Death	Losses: Children: Otherwise	Losses: Adult: Death	Losses: Adult: Certificate	Losses: Adult: Otherwise
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
1	1919	2,843	.....	3,473	1,094,153	776,582	474,553	34,785	.....	4,400	27,645	13,915	9,235	.....	.....	14,073	10,664	23,467
2	1921	2,887	2,492	3,803	1,147,007	801,250	597,768	37,403	11,773	5,302	30,467	16,456	16,500	2,392	8,921	11,051	11,475	25,485
3	2 Years Gain	44	.....	330	52,854	24,668	123,215	2,618	.....	902	2,822	2,541	7,265	.....	.....	.....	811	2,018
4	2 Years Decrease	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,022	.....	.....
5	1919	2,843	.....	3,473	1,094,153	776,582	474,553	34,785	.....	4,400	27,645	13,915	9,235	.....	.....	14,073	10,664	23,467
6	1920	2,812	.....	3,775	1,117,938	791,400	580,018	36,438	.....	4,834	29,380	15,214	14,571	.....	.....	11,554	11,610	26,550
7	1 Year Gain	.....	.....	302	23,785	14,818	105,465	1,653	.....	434	1,735	1,299	5,336	.....	.....	.....	946	3,083
8	1 Year Decrease	31	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,519	.....	.....
9	1920	2,812	.....	3,775	1,117,938	791,400	580,018	36,438	.....	4,834	29,380	15,214	14,571	.....	.....	11,554	11,610	26,550
10	1921	2,887	2,492	3,803	1,147,007	801,250	597,768	37,403	11,773	5,302	30,467	16,456	16,500	2,392	8,921	11,051	11,475	25,485
11	1 Year Gain	75	.....	28	29,069	9,850	17,750	965	.....	468	1,087	1,242	1,929	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
12	1 Year Decrease	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	499	135	1,065

Index Number	PAROCHIAL: Church Papers: No. Sub. to Synod'l Papers	No. S. S. Papers Ordered	No. Sub. to Other Church Papers	*Church Schools: Sunday: Number	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Home Dept.	Cradle Roll	Other Weekday: Number	Teachers	Scholars	Catechumens	Students: Ministry	Deaconess	In Lutheran Institutions	In Non-Lutheran Institutions	Church Societies: Men's: Number	Men's: Members	Women's: Number	Women's: Members	Young People's: Number	Young People's: Members	FINANCIAL: Valuation of Church Property: Church Edifices	Parsonages	School and Parish Houses
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43
1	.....	.....	.....	3,412	53,524	514,924	19,019	32,228	109	130	4,779	36,689	526	14	233	611	708	32,550	2,811	104,760	2,114	81,746	†	2,071,193	†
2	36,969	118,139	21,454	3,682	54,268	522,691	26,142	52,148	375	954	17,534	34,034	582	45	1,712	4,292	967	47,052	3,618	154,089	2,694	106,842	†63,193,694	8,138,433	†378,400
3	.....	.....	.....	270	744	7,767	7,123	19,920	266	824	12,755	.....	56	31	1,479	3,681	259	14,502	807	49,329	580	25,096	.....	6,067,240	.....
4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,655	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
5	.....	.....	.....	3,412	53,524	514,924	19,019	32,228	109	130	4,779	36,689	526	14	233	611	708	32,550	2,811	104,760	2,114	81,746	•	2,071,193	•
6	.....	.....	.....	3,399	52,939	515,815	23,506	46,300	190	326	7,070	44,334	577	46	1,833	4,316	892	39,426	3,547	139,205	2,367	92,832	•	6,928,456	•
7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	891	4,487	14,072	81	196	2,291	7,645	51	32	1,600	3,705	184	6,876	788	34,445	253	11,076	.....	4,857,263	.....
8	.....	.....	.....	13	585	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
9	.....	.....	.....	3,399	52,939	515,815	23,506	46,300	190	326	7,070	44,334	577	46	1,833	4,316	892	39,426	3,547	139,205	2,367	92,832	‡	6,928,456	‡
10	36,969	118,139	21,454	3,682	54,268	522,691	26,142	52,148	375	954	17,534	34,034	582	45	1,712	4,292	967	47,052	3,618	154,089	2,694	106,842	‡63,193,694	8,138,433	‡378,400
11	.....	.....	.....	283	1,329	6,876	2,636	5,848	185	628	10,464	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	75	7,626	71	14,884	327	14,030	.....	2,000,977	.....

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FINANCIAL

Index Number	Valuation of Church Property				Congregational Expenses			Congregational Benevolence									Summary	
								Apportioned			Unapportioned							
	Endowment	Other Property	Total Valuation	Indebtedness	Current	Unusual	Total	Paid	Excess	Deficit	Education	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Inner Missions	Women's Missionary Society	Other Benevolence	Total Unapportioned Benevolence	Total Benevolence	Total Expenditures
	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62
1	1,032,292	.....	42,383,332	4,527,913	4,984,795	1,916,749	6,901,544	1,334,202	.....	.....	76	.....	5,459	70	.....	902,981	908,586	2,252,788	9,154,332
2	1,895,798	2,400,790	76,507,115	6,011,472	6,621,268	3,835,135	10,456,403	1,440,132	62,601	342,307	569,521	140,190	66,369	240,927	190,038	694,615	1,901,680	3,341,792	13,798,195
3	863,506	.....	34,123,783	1,483,559	1,636,473	1,918,386	3,444,859	105,930	.....	.....	569,445	.....	60,910	240,857	.....	208,366	1,003,094	1,089,004	4,643,863
4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
5	1,032,292	.....	42,383,332	4,527,913	4,984,795	1,916,749	6,901,544	1,334,202	.....	.....	76	.....	5,459	70	.....	902,981	908,586	2,252,788	9,154,332
6	2,065,974	.....	70,142,813	5,581,845	5,630,943	2,968,750	8,599,693	1,144,292	.....	.....	612,129	.....	36,017	233,855	149,406	834,337	1,901,680	3,071,913	11,671,606
7	1,033,682	.....	27,759,481	1,053,932	646,148	1,052,001	1,698,149	.....	.....	.....	612,053	.....	30,568	233,785	.....	.....	993,094	819,125	2,517,274
8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	139,910	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	68,644	.....	.....	.....
9	2,065,974	.....	70,142,813	5,581,845	5,630,943	2,968,750	8,599,693	1,144,292	.....	.....	612,129	.....	36,017	233,855	149,406	834,337	1,365,798	3,071,913	11,671,606
10	1,895,798	2,400,790	76,507,115	6,011,472	6,621,268	3,835,135	10,456,403	1,440,132	62,601	342,307	569,521	140,190	66,369	240,927	190,038	694,615	1,901,660	3,341,792	13,798,195
11	.....	.....	6,364,302	429,627	990,325	866,385	1,856,710	295,840	.....	.....	.....	.....	30,352	7,072	40,632	.....	36,682	269,879	2,126,589
12	170,176	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	42,608	.....	.....	.....	.....	139,722	.....	.....	.....

TOTAL OF ACCESSIONS AND LOSSES COMPARED

1920 Total accessions, 100,437 Total losses, 49,714
1921 Total accessions, 117,895 Total losses, 59,324

1921 Gain accessions, 17,458 Greater loss, 9,610
1920 Accessions gain over losses, 50,723
1921 Accessions gain over losses, 58,571

1920 Excess accession gain over losses, 7,848
1920-21 Total accession gain over losses, 109,294

†Year 1919, 25,742,748
†Year 1921, 64,072,094
2 Year Gain, 38,329,346

*Year 1919, 25,742,748
*Year 1920, 53,906,683
1 Year Gain, 28,163,935

‡Year 1920, 53,906,683
‡Year 1921, 64,072,094
1 Year Gain, 10,165,411

	Current Exp.	Unusual Exp.	Total Cong. Exp.	Total Benev.	Total Expenditures
1919 percapita (776,582cf.m.)	$6.42	$2.46	$8.88	$2.90	$11.78
1921 percapita (801,250cf.m.)	8.26	4.79	13.05	4.17	17.22
1921 gain over 1919 per capita	1.84	0.33	4.17	1.27	5.44

	Current Exp.	Unusual Exp.	Total Cong. Exp.	Total Benev.	Total Expenditures
1919 percapita (776,582cf.m.)	$6.42	$2.46	$8.88	$2.90	$11.78
1920 percapita (791,400cf.m.)	7.15	3.75	10.90	3.88	14.78
1920 gain over 1919 per capita	0.73	1.29	2.02	0.98	3.00

	Current Exp.	Unusual Exp.	Total Cong. Exp.	Total Benev.	Total Expenditures
1920 per capita (791,400cf.m.)	$7.15	$3.75	$10.90	$3.88	$14.78
1921 per capita (801,250cf.m.)	8.26	4.79	13.05	4.17	17.22
1921 gain over 1920 per capita	1.11	1.04	2.15	0.29	2.44

	1919	1920	1921
*Parochial Schools—Number	27	59	2
Teachers	16	108	2
Scholars	658	2,432	49

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Compiled by Rev. G. L. Kieffer, Statistical Secretary.

Index Number	COUNTRY	When Organized	PASTORS	PAROCHIAL																		
					Membership			Accessions						Losses								
								Children		Adult				Children		Adult						
				Congregations	Baptized	Confirmed	Communing	Baptism	Otherwise	Baptism	Confirmation	Certificate	Otherwise	Death	Otherwise	Death	Certificate	Otherwise				
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18				
1	India	1842	Foreign, 21; Native, 21	1,152	96,918	*67,843	38,975	4,683	.....	3,485	2,258	.....	2,299	.....	.....	2,233	.....	3,080				
2	Japan	1892	Foreign, 15; Native, 10	15	1,165	932	500	11	.....	115	10	36	.....	.....	.....	4	29	34				
3	Liberia	1860	Foreign, 5; Native, 0	5	275	220	110	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....				
4	Argentine	1908	Foreign, 2; Native, 1	4	154	123	53	70	.....	.....	.....	.....	49	.....	.....	.....	.....	5				
5	British Guinea	1915	Foreign, 1; Native, 0	4	475	380	335	21	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....				
6	Porto Rico	....	1 U. L. C.; 2 Non-U. L. C.	12	1,279	648	365	53	20	.....	48	7	8	4	.....	11	8	72				
7	Virgin Islands	....	2 U. L. C.; 1 Non-U. L. C.	5	2,047	1,058	590	81	3	.....	38	11	38	17	.....	33	32	27				
8	Harlem, N. Y.	....	1 U. L. C.	1	470	304	265	16	.....	.....	14	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....				
9	Total		35	1,198	102,783	71,508	41,193	4,935	23	3,600	2,368	54	2,394	21	.....	2,281	69	3,218				
10	U. S. and Canada		2,887	3,803	1,147,007	801,250	597,768	37,403	11,773	5,302	30,467	16,456	16,500	2,392	8,921	11,051	11,475	25,485				
11	GRAND TOTAL		2,922	5,001	1,249,790	872,758	638,961	42,338	11,796	8,902	32,835	16,510	18,894	2,413	8,921	13,332	11,544	28,703				

Index Number	PAROCHIAL																					FINANCIAL		
	Church Papers			Church Schools							Students				Church Societies							Valuation of Church Property		
				Sunday					Other Weekday						Men's		Women's		Young People's					
	No. Sub. to Synod'l Papers	No. S. S. Papers Ordered	No. Sub. to Other Church Papers	Number	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Home Dept.	Cradle Roll	Number	Teachers	Scholars	Catechumens	Ministry	Deaconess	In Lutheran Institutions	In Non-Lutheran Institutions	Number	Members	Number	Members	Number	Members	Church Edifices	Parsonages	School and Parish Houses
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43
1	.....	.....	.....	859	1,447	34,020	.....	.....	981	1,308	28,815	13,225	16	..	.....	.....	305	5,763	375	6,285	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
2	.....	.....	.....	40	92	2,256	.....	.....	4	79	835	100	8	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	110	11	240	.....	.....	.....
3	.....	.....	.....	4	30	300	.....	.....	2	15	300	175	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
4	.....	.....	.....	4	13	122	.....	.....	6	13	243	10	1	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
5	.....	.....	.....	4	10	139	.....	.....	3	4	124	32	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
6	.....	.....	10	22	75	1,614	.....	.....	4	8	386	.....	6	..	2	1	.....	.....	2	40	5	134	55,066	21,807	2,000
7	5	.....	12	5	63	640	.....	.....	2	5	50	.....	..	..	1	.....	1	60	2	54	3	101	137,500	20,000	15,500
8	.....	.....	21	1	10	140	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	21	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
9	5	.....	43	939	1,740	39,281	.....	.....	1,002	1,422	30,753	13,542	32	..	3	1	306	5,823	387	6,510	19	475	192,566	41,807	17,500
10	36,966	118,139	21,454	3,682	54,268	522,601	26,142	52,148	375	954	17,534	34,034	582	45	1,712	4,292	967	47,052	3,618	154,089	2,694	106,842	63,193,694	8,138,433	879,400
11	36,971	118,139	21,497	4,621	56,008	561,972	26,142	52,148	1,377	2,376	48,287	47,576	614	45	1,715	4,293	1,273	52,875	4,005	160,599	2,713	106,942	63,331,260	8,159,240	896,900

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FINANCIAL

Index Number	Valuation of Church Property				Congregational Expenses			Congregational Benevolence										Summary	
								Apportioned			Unapportioned								
	Endowment	Other Property	Total Valuation	Indebtedness	Current	Unusual	Total	Paid	Excess	Deficit	Education	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Inner Missions	Women's Missionary Society	Other Benevolence	Total Unapportioned Benevolence	Total Benevolence	Total Expenditures
	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62
1	.....	.....	700,000	.....	.....	.....	†64,713	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9,522	74,235
2	.....	.....	250,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,954	1,954
3	.....	.....	50,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	400	400
4	.....	.....	10,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
5	.....	.....	40,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
6	.....	13,925	92,798	.....	959	249	1,208	.....	.....	.....	.....	22	.....	.....	.....	5	27	27	1,208
7	.....	36,000	209,000	.....	2,592	908	3,500	.....	.....	.....	.....	80	.....	.....	.....	543	623	623	3,500
8	.....	3,500	.....	.....	1,171	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	69	.....	69	1,171
9	.....	53,425	1,351,798	.....	4,722	1,157	69,421	.....	.....	.....	.....	102	.....	.....	.....	617	650	12,595	82,468
10	1,895,798	2,400,790	76,507,115	6,011,472	6,621,268	3,835,135	10,456,403	1,440,132	62,601	342,307	569,521	140,190	66,369	240,927	190,038	694,615	1,901,660	3,341,792	13,798,195
11	1,895,798	2,454,215	77,858,913	6,011,472	6,625,990	3,836,292	10,525,824	1,440,132	62,601	342,307	569,521	140,292	66,369	240,927	190,038	695,232	1,902,310	3,354,387	13,880,663

†Includes only contributions by native church for Foreign Mission Fields.

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PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA, 1922

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Index Number	SYNODS	When Organized	Pastors	Parishes	PAROCHIAL															Index Number
					Membership				Accessions						Losses					
									Children		Adult				Children		Adult			
					Congregations	Baptized	Confirmed	Communing	Baptism	Otherwise	Baptism	Confirmation	Certificate	Otherwise	Death	Otherwise	Death	Certificate	Otherwise	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
1	Ministerium of Pa.	Aug. 15, 1748	430	354	574	248,671	171,893	132,907	8,264	2,332	620	6,757	3,705	2,171	654	1,828	2,946	2,340	4,042	1
2	Ministerium of N. Y.	Oct. 23, 1786	155	134	145	*107,448	*67,155	49,456	3,061	825	163	2,194	375	1,316	177	344	1,716	169	320	2
3	United Synod of N. C.	May 2, 1803	103	98	207	34,393	26,140	18,156	1,434	261	159	1,339	784	95	107	215	277	330	443	3
4	Synod of Maryland	Oct. 11, 1820	123	97	137	52,066	39,179	28,340	1,070	423	193	1,117	591	669	67	428	526	449	451	4
5	Synod of S. C.	Jan. 14, 1824	45	51	89	18,065	13,695	9,886	506	111	62	400	361	36	27	44	125	223	245	5
6	Synod of West Pennsylvania	Sept. 5, 1825	100	87	158	50,331	38,307	33,464	1,314	290	276	1,078	860	577	85	343	493	590	1,438	6
**7	Synod of Virginia	Aug. 10, 1829	75	74	140	16,827	13,437	8,772	329	77	229	323	297	84	22	48	162	216	147	**7
8	Synod of Ohio	Nov. 7, 1836	*216	*184	289	69,631	51,529	42,979	1,881	627	694	1,568	1,316	1,046	119	511	647	992	3,112	8
*9	East Pennsylvania Synod	May 2, 1842	150	118	149	54,191	39,698	32,855	1,501	536	274	1,507	1,193	696	111	395	628	835	1,494	*9
10	Allegheny Synod	Sept. 9, 1842	*82	*70	149	35,617	27,845	22,138	1,023	223	393	863	574	297	80	115	357	366	1,188	10
11	Pittsburgh Synod	Jan. 15, 1845	253	213	313	99,754	68,519	49,652	3,371	1,519	336	2,775	1,451	1,952	252	1,133	840	1,235	2,591	11
12	Indiana Synod	Oct. 28, 1848	53	56	76	11,299	10,139	7,508	358	88	150	349	210	425	15	68	113	111	199	12
13	Illinois Synod	Sept. 8, 1851	123	94	132	35,110	25,046	20,109	1,287	612	354	1,308	562	1,145	62	942	263	425	2,141	13
*14	Texas Synod	Nov. 10, 1851	13	19	19	5,809	3,070	2,407	201	90	12	82	57	99	12	9	35	5	74	*14
15	Synod of Central Pennsylvania	Feb. 21, 1855	*32	*35	87	17,393	12,376	9,863	415	120	135	419	251	121	34	88	191	246	674	15
16	Mississippi Synod	July 25, 1855	6	5	14	816	660	332	13	2	1	9	3	8	1	4	9	5	99	16
17	Synod of Iowa	Sept. 3, 1855	*31	27	30	8,125	5,329	4,640	372	46	136	358	174	256	16	177	62	194	607	17
18	Michigan Synod	Oct. 27, 1855	52	*45	83	16,155	11,816	8,176	545	96	237	363	346	252	23	141	163	142	609	18
19	Synod of Georgia	July 20, 1860	*23	*19	35	6,440	4,422	2,507	139	124	28	109	90	135	11	35	39	58	33	19
20	Synod of Canada	July 21, 1861	46	46	74	21,779	14,915	12,716	648	151	14	454	68	290	50	79	209	84	100	20
21	Susquehanna Synod	Nov. 5, 1867	40	79	79	29,349	22,359	16,754	770	145	169	690	423	268	43	71	259	294	313	21
22	Synod of Kansas	Nov. 5, 1868	*48	34	40	7,949	5,833	4,596	248	128	101	227	279	155	19	69	67	151	506	22
23	Synod of Nebraska	Sept. 1, 1871	*47	44	53	14,297	10,458	7,348	619	84	182	593	301	283	12	47	75	168	670	23
*24	Wartburg Synod	1875	50	48	51	7,385	4,764	4,743	553	.....	23	300	43	29	34	80	114	30	99	*24
25	German Nebraska Synod	July 24, 1890	85	*78	100	15,334	9,332	7,735	605	133	15	475	45	160	33	94	124	52	79	25
26	Synod of California	April 2, 1891	54	33	33	8,660	5,260	4,548	381	263	29	199	304	299	17	194	104	122	415	26
27	Rocky Mountain Synod	May 6, 1891	*18	16	18	2,495	1,858	1,263	95	41	17	55	94	102	5	55	14	56	199	27
28	Synod of the Northwest	Sept. 22, 1891	80	62	70	29,668	18,365	13,801	1,194	1,231	161	1,075	449	1,206	43	782	80	263	1,248	28
*29	Manitoba Synod	July 16, 1897	33	29	61	9,252	4,681	.....	529	.....	.....	251	.....	.....	12	.....	104	.....	.....	*29
†30	Pacific Synod	Sept. 26, 1901	26	23	26	3,979	2,203	1,667	125	151	5	58	35	97	5	84	21	33	45	†30
31	N. Y. and N. E. Synod	Sept. 23, 1902	77	63	66	35,533	27,843	21,083	1,267	575	116	1,563	579	869	42	291	235	308	623	31
32	Nova Scotia Synod	July 10, 1903	*8	8	30	5,187	2,818	1,452	164	.....	7	68	28	3	10	3	58	20	1	32
33	Synod of New York	Oct. 7, 1908	*148	*136	156	53,026	36,325	24,340	1,496	656	197	1,439	475	679	92	628	542	385	1,490	33
34	Central Canada Synod	Nov. 11, 1908	17	16	17	3,123	2,005	1,455	124	28	4	66	54	45	5	26	29	20	78	34
*35	Synod of West Virginia	April 17, 1912	16	19	39	6,003	4,272	3,311	167	40	50	146	93	41	13	41	51	101	218	*35
*36	Slovak "Zion" Synod	June 10, 1919	20	23	39	11,306	7,161	5,747	153	.....	.....	74	.....	7	.....	.....	43	.....	.....	*36
	1922 Total		2,878	2,537	3,778	1,152,466	810,707	616,706	36,222	12,028	5,542	30,651	16,470	15,913	2,310	9,412	11,721	11,018	25,991	
	1921 Total		2,887	2,492	3,803	1,147,007	801,250	597,768	37,403	11,773	5,302	30,467	16,456	16,500	2,392	8,921	11,051	11,475	25,485	
	Increase		.....	45	.....	5,459	9,457	18,938	.....	255	240	184	14	.....	.....	491	670	.....	506	
	Decrease		9	.....	25	.....	.....	.....	1,181	.....	.....	.....	.....	587	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	

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	Church Papers			Church Schools								Students				Church Societies						Valuation of Church Property			
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	No. Sub. to Synod'l Papers	No. S. S. Papers Ordered	No. Sub. to Other Church Papers	Number	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Home Dept.	Cradle Roll	Number	Teachers	Scholars	Catechumens	Ministry	Deaconess	In Lutheran Institutions	In Non-Luth. Institutions	Number	Members	Number	Members	Number	Members	Church Edifices	Parsonages	School and Parish Houses	
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	
1	9,650	13,981	3,914	571	10,927	108,192	4,480	10,233	62	202	3,963	3,471	98	15	218	740	172	8,727	569	31,460	460	21,549	11,996,500	1,366,252	386,500	1
2	1,190	4,210	1,239	154	2,454	21,827	489	2,446	52	97	2,248	305	30	5	35	50	89	5,185	182	12,868	167	8,519	4,897,575	538,700	200,000	2
3	1,181	1,939	1,458	153	1,664	21,068	178	753	27	83	1,420	3,022	38	4	208	129	22	652	141	3,966	125	4,008	1,413,252	329,302	42,000	3
4	2,059	4,720	1,809	139	3,035	30,922	2,002	3,485	8	19	406	2,124	26	5	51	265	42	2,363	159	8,211	145	6,143	3,539,675	514,610	11,300	4
5	1,439	1,471	976	87	954	9,070	445	771	15	104	1,171	786	13	...	196	115	16	628	85	3,226	77	2,545	871,300	181,515	53,300	5
6	1,421	9,500	1,333	159	3 368	39,282	2,019	3,831	9	31	765	3,503	47	2	124	225	21	1,680	166	7,930	174	8,262	2,633,050	422,750	27,200	6
**7	2,961	2,177	153	103	1,174	10,501	680	803	1	3	25	325	8	...	59	71	14	575	103	2,978	67	2,366	1,057,000	253,790	23,250	**7
8	3,256	19,042	1,337	275	4,652	46,900	1,612	4,479	24	107	1,922	2,550	53	4	245	421	105	4,626	367	15,711	219	6,615	5,660,074	675,725	21,800	8
*9	2,064	7,152	779	144	3,280	33,374	4,405	3,802	18	65	878	2,329	39	3	64	232	76	4,405	199	9,736	148	5,580	4,164,300	537,200	85,450	*9
10	3,282	5,671	1,583	132	2,169	23,218	1,421	2,255	10	23	555	1,993	23	...	65	221	29	2,538	125	5,077	77	3,201	2,248,900	309,589	.....	10
11	3,920	18,075	6,118	295	4,599	45,825	3,360	6,674	34	156	2,343	4,136	57	10	150	389	102	4,194	378	14,554	293	10,658	5,558,900	834,310	164,850	11
12	739	3,262	199	72	966	8,627	495	792	2	2	15	279	11	1	46	78	22	547	100	2,916	44	1,096	874,150	141,000	.....	12
13	2,199	11,913	1,366	110	2,192	21,766	660	2,591	9	21	426	1,535	36	2	96	178	62	2,311	211	7,312	147	4,270	2,205,000	367,500	12,700	13
*14	218	110	176	20	95	1,009	.....	78	.....	.....	.....	71	3	...	.....	1	2	99	13	503	7	317	79,500	31,200	4,700	*14
15	547	2,491	370	86	1,403	12,450	685	1,233	10	33	660	694	20	...	50	87	10	417	75	2,456	64	2,419	817,925	126,700	.....	15
16	52	28	26	7	41	286	15	5	.....	.....	.....	4	1	...	4	7	1	14	7	64	1	10	10,900	1,500	.....	16
17	243	2,186	200	29	522	4,729	140	723	1	1	25	62	10	1	27	98	13	451	60	1,938	36	1,204	702,033	136,100	5,000	17
18	1,089	4,147	414	68	102	9,354	271	948	7	14	239	453	13	3	25	78	23	1,102	91	3,552	58	1,552	1,396,200	179,426	10,000	18
19	253	565	260	24	315	2,400	65	212	2	13	120	152	5	...	16	24	7	281	33	1,040	17	512	405,150	68,500	7,000	19
20	923	605	204	58	642	4,529	80	409	26	25	646	264	22	1	20	10	5	313	32	2,121	27	1,471	748,450	136,800	7,400	20
21	901	1,805	1,047	79	1,614	17,959	1,177	1 704	8	22	404	900	17	1	40	103	30	2,135	94	4,234	68	2,967	1,589,900	175,750	.....	21
22	1,260	2,569	225	41	614	4,947	152	604	1	7	30	160	2	1	10	120	16	556	62	2,224	47	1,176	789,600	152,150	.....	22
23	445	3,481	349	51	767	5,950	491	904	1	5	30	788	16	...	80	155	18	635	79	2,642	56	1,674	970,800	140,200	13,000	23
*24	866	.....	.....	31	359	3,671	10	188	9	9	369	160	8	...	14	6	8	345	34	1,696	22	812	438,150	65,700	15,600	24
25	976	1,332	63	73	407	3,824	.....	70	35	41	644	276	9	...	12	25	1	25	47	1,259	27	928	440,600	178,300	17,050	25
26	517	1,332	204	33	357	2,782	196	361	5	26	305	191	5	...	3	64	9	211	50	1,724	29	688	852,050	30,800	.....	26
27	121	671	93	17	161	1,166	141	159	2	13	168	55	2	...	.....	31	5	124	24	580	12	276	144,500	21,000	.....	27
28	849	3,778	1,049	59	1,163	9,937	295	1,526	10	30	591	1,345	28	...	23	178	29	1,231	82	3,445	100	2,916	1,394,775	170,900	108,100	28
*29	.....	.....	.....	39	102	1,396	.....	.....	36	39	1,251	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	142	5	188	241,197	.....	.....	*29
‡30	258	1,042	241	26	213	1,752	.....	192	5	5	105	172	27	...	11	55	9	160	32	838	23	507	231,250	47,900	2,300	‡30
31	1,152	3,544	2,594	67	1,762	16,365	436	3,174	18	82	1,107	656	24	2	33	159	48	2,785	102	5,600	102	3,426	2,542,195	292,000	82,500	31
32	174	127	53	16	166	1,331	108	20	.....	.....	.....	60	...	...	.....	5	.....	.....	15	582	5	260	182,025	34,400	.....	32
33	2,265	6,837	1,598	147	2,280	19,905	1,463	3,118	27	97	1,513	1,543	30	...	42	149	73	2,738	216	8,282	175	5,176	3,439,900	512,925	117,560	33
34	420	618	105	16	164	1,097	12	219	.....	.....	.....	32	4	...	7	11	2	42	19	465	16	482	174,180	46,900	.....	34
*35	792	1,135	116	29	393	3,161	61	326	.....	.....	.....	191	3	...	10	28	8	242	29	834	20	507	413,200	61,000	.....	*35
*36	.....	.....	.....	35	35	135	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14	2	...	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	383,000	.....	.....	*36
	47,622	141,516	31,651	3,445	55,111	550,707	28,044	59,088	474	1375	24,344	34,601	730	60	1,984	4,513	1,089	51,977	3,986	172,166	3,060	114,280	65,507,156	9,082,394	1,418,500	
	36,966	118,139	21,454	3,682	54,268	522,691	26,142	52,148	375	954	17,534	34,034	582	45	1,712	4,292	967	47,052	3,618	154,089	2,694	106,842	63,193,694	8,138,433	878,400	
	10,656	23,377	10,197	.....	843	28,016	1,902	6,940	99	421	6,810	567	148	15	272	221	122	4,925	368	18,077	366	7,438	2,313,462	943,961	540,100	
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Index Number	Valuation of Church Property				Congregational Expenses			Congegational Benevolence										Summary		Index Number
								Apportioned			Unapportioned									
	Endowment	Other Property	Total Valuation	Indebtedness	Current	Unusual	Total	Paid	Excess	Deficit	Education	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Inner Missions	Women's Missionary Society	Other Benevolence	Total Unapportioned Benevolence	Total Benevolence	Total Expenditures	
	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	
1	703,897	611,361	15,064,510	1,081,771	1,141,505	655,861	1,797,366	269,459	2,335	127,077	11,438	14,517	3,134	29,913	28,528	85,782	173,312	442,771	2,240,137	1
2	75,175	201,334	5,912,784	432,585	439,583	210,963	650,546	57,409	760	12,229	11,468	1,930	609	8,504	750	41,087	64,348	121,757	772,303	2
3	7,225	371,095	2,162,874	181,152	177,650	151,066	328,716	45,197	538	3,573	5,038	5,168	3,315	3,999	9,979	20,923	48,422	93,619	422,335	3
4	63,095	164,000	4,292,680	262,387	220,695	152,220	372,915	52,344	4,721	8,351	8,866	9,671	4,315	9,436	11,871	26,743	70,902	123,246	496,161	4
5	41,500	15,650	1,163,265	44,565	77,990	39,112	117,102	23,959	43	10,844	8,306	6,046	2,923	3,923	6,795	4,762	32,755	56,714	173,816	5
6	199,850	151,891	3,434,741	79,505	285,682	103,967	389,649	83,054	.....	20,016	.....	.....	.....	.....	15,493	40,447	55,940	138,994	528,643	6
**7	58,918	21,500	1,414,458	73,840	102,360	70,295	172,655	26,152	219	10,161	2,095	4,516	533	4,599	5,019	8,468	25,230	51,382	224,037	**7
8	109,825	295,861	6,763,285	527,213	562,993	329,220	892,213	154,263	5,034	32,996	48,487	22,455	7,756	13,549	21,047	40,462	153,756	308,019	1,200,232	8
*9	108,785	411,500	5,307,235	490,765	430,053	214,101	644,154	95,825	16,150	9,957	14,908	15,928	6,040	15,775	18,419	37,136	108,206	204,031	848,185	*9
10	29,027	23,993	2,611,509	220,423	214,314	258,846	473,160	69,741	11,093	1,890	6,369	6,223	3,531	7,492	14,487	8,961	47,063	116,804	589,964	10
11	171,510	371,725	7,101,295	631,639	571,814	407,668	979,482	141,628	.....	‡33,214	41,252	13,783	13,207	56,017	30,241	62,128	216,628	358,256	1,337,738	11
12	18,000	50,700	1,083,850	81,884	109,599	48,350	157,949	27,030	1,398	4,828	19,393	2,051	3,655	1,925	3,257	8,063	38,344	65,374	223,323	12
13	19,351	141,887	2,746,438	249,689	301,851	158,381	460,232	64,666	349	6,808	22,760	8,800	3,973	10,867	9,923	17,583	73,906	138,572	598,804	13
*14	.....	2,500	117,900	2,570	17,219	1,855	19,074	1,738	.....	2,793	401	16	222	72	7	1,787	2,505	4,243	23,317	*14
15	16,000	16,575	977,200	6,697	87,075	30,682	117,757	27,667	2,972	4,762	5,343	1,622	396	1,154	4,372	5,045	17,932	45,599	163,356	15
16	.....	4,069	16,469	.....	2,129	730	2,859	479	54	636	18	13	63	42	15	216	367	846	3,705	16
17	5,000	36,000	884,133	214,607	91,896	32,707	124,603	12,113	50	6,716	2,019	1,207	1,330	488	1,570	1,422	8,036	20,149	144,752	17
18	2,850	63,738	1,652,214	200,993	150,438	108,945	259,383	26,052	114	13,506	10,489	3,460	1,222	1,621	2,866	4,600	24,258	50,310	309,693	18
19	11,300	52,700	544,650	110,312	48,022	27,566	75,588	9,845	48	2,190	608	613	1,119	443	1,478	3,510	7,771	17,616	93,204	19
20	1,325	24,625	918,600	42,190	89,176	51,084	140,260	20,491	.....	22,725	1,592	668	170	240	405	7,024	10,099	30,590	170,850	20
21	38,000	50,450	1,854,100	202,792	160,622	257,053	417,675	43,612	740	6,261	12,446	5,027	1,340	1,935	6,093	13,420	40,261	83,873	501,548	21
22	3,000	22,150	966,900	50,792	92,005	48,208	140,213	16,724	127	2,532	3,317	1,053	407	1,328	2,461	3,130	11,696	28,420	168,633	22
23	1,100	120,670	1,245,770	69,685	113,253	43,067	156,320	22,658	256	4,627	10,210	3,654	4,044	1,434	3,685	5,109	28,136	50,794	207,114	23
*24	1,045	10,400	530,895	60,400	53,148	35,578	88,726	8,132	724	864	1,242	705	848	483	1,401	2,566	7,248	15,380	104,106	*24
25	.....	12,205	648,155	11,400	79,823	20,988	100,811	11,395	104	1,905	4,086	541	437	737	471	18,970	25,242	36,637	137,448	25
26	7,300	11,883	902,033	63,514	71,302	17,003	88,305	11,411	75	4,310	140	504	.....	947	3,374	10,202	15,167	26,578	114,883	26
27	.....	42,025	207,525	41,700	23,945	17,858	41,803	5,008	129	547	163	463	132	257	845	1,809	3,669	8,677	50,480	27
28	2,500	58,156	1,734,431	382,136	181,785	122,007	303,792	35,860	.....	.....	5,148	2,025	2,304	8,460	7,687	10,415	36,039	71,899	375,691	28
*29	.....	.....	241,197	.....	40,426	.....	40,426	.....	.....	.....	3,629	1,042	1,042	.....	.....	5,646	11,359	11,359	51,785	*29
‡30	.....	45,600	327,050	79,941	16,317	24,223	40,540	3,077	378	1,311	1,160	58	93	270	490	977	3,048	6,125	46,665	‡30
31	24,156	244,266	3,185,117	439,337	349,206	162,767	511,973	63,732	1,788	1,006	4,517	8,184	2,545	17,532	7,539	25,590	65,907	129,639	641,612	31
32	.....	500	216,925	19,725	14,812	5,317	20,129	2,992	.....	676	48	95	36	.....	240	696	1,115	4,107	24,236	32
33	90,205	109,425	4,269,955	354,548	349,718	136,247	485,965	52,485	.....	.....	7,752	6,653	1,076	10,407	7,939	18,808	52,635	105,120	591,085	33
34	28,100	12,000	261,180	75,490	29,314	7,562	36,876	4,377	.....	2,768	109	211	89	40	518	815	1,782	6,159	43,035	34
*35	2,500	41,050	517,750	87,195	41,467	31,746	73,213	10,217	235	2,871	1,570	552	319	367	1,482	1,389	5,679	15,896	89,109	*35
*36	.....	.....	383,000	23,200	20,000	.....	20,000	524	.....	.....	15	50	.....	.....	.....	136	201	725	20,725	*36
	1,840,539	3,813,484	81,662,073	6,896,642	6,759,187	3,983,243	10,742,430	1,501,316	50,434	364,980	276,402	149,504	72,225	214,256	230,750	545,827	1,488,964	2,990,280	13,732,710	
	1,895,798	2,400,790	76,507,115	6,011,472	6,621,268	3,835,135	10,456,403	1,440,132	62,601	342,307	569,521	140,190	66,369	240,927	190,038	694,615	1,901,660	3,341,792	13,798,195	
	55,259	1,412,694	5,154,958	885,170	137,919	148,108	286,027	61,184	.....	22,673	.....	9,314	5,856	.....	40,712	.....	.....	.....	.....	

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						Baptized		Confirmed		Communing		Children				Adults						
												Baptized		Otherwise		Baptism		Confirmation		Certificate		
	1	2	3	4	5	6		7		8		9		10		11		12		13		
						Congregations		Congregations		Congregations		Congregations		Congregations		Congregations		Congregations		Congregations		
						Reporting	Not Reporting	Reporting	Not Reporting	Reporting	Not Reporting	Reporting	Not Reporting	Reporting	Not Reporting	Reporting	Not Reporting	Reporting	Not Reporting	Reporting	Not Reporting	
1	Ministerium of Pa.	Aug. 15, 1748	423	356	582	577	5	577	5	577	5	536	46	168	414	171	411	417	165	376	206	1
2	Ministerium of N. Y.	Oct. 23, 1786	162	134	145	—	—	—	—	113	32	120	25	—	—	41	104	108	37	—	—	2
3	United Synod of N. C.	May 2, 1803	114	98	211	181	30	207	4	183	28	‡123	‡88	1	210	‡41	‡170	117	94	55	156	3
4	Synod of Maryland	Oct. 11, 1820	116	98	136	135	1	135	1	134	1	115	21	39	97	62	74	105	31	96	40	4
5	Synod of S. Carolina	Jan. 14, 1824	57	49	89	89	0	89	0	89	0	75	14	15	74	21	68	63	26	48	41	5
6	Synod of West Pennsylvania	Sept. 5, 1825	102	88	158	158	0	158	0	158	0	135	23	37	121	79	79	122	36	110	48	6
7	Synod of Virginia	Aug. 10, 1829	41	30	58	58	0	58	0	54	4	38	20	12	46	33	25	30	28	37	21	7
8	Synod of Ohio	Nov. 7, 1836	216	184	290	282	8	282	8	282	8	208	82	82	208	158	142	170	120	163	127	8
9	East Pennsylvania Synod	May 2, 1842	150	118	149	149	0	149	0	149	0	138	11	41	108	74	75	112	27	105	44	9
10	Alleghany Synod	Sept. 9, 1842	82	70	149	146	3	149	0	148	1	100	49	26	123	73	76	93	56	78	71	10
11	Southwestern Virginia Synod	Sept. 20, 1842	28	26	67	59	8	67	0	46	21	27	50	4	63	18	49	14	53	18	49	19
12	Pittsburgh Synod	Jan. 15, 1845	254	213	313	313	0	313	0	308	5	262	51	148	165	142	171	221	92	189	124	12
13	Indiana Synod	Oct. 28, 1848	49	54	75	71	4	75	0	75	0	52	23	13	62	32	43	46	29	36	39	13
14	Illinois Synod	Sept. 8, 1851	126	98	130	129	1	129	1	129	1	102	28	52	78	77	53	83	47	76	54	14
*15	Texas Synod	Nov. 10, 1851	13	19	19	14	5	14	5	16	3	17	2	2	17	5	14	10	9	4	15	*15
16	Synod of Central Pennsylvania	Feb. 21, 1855	32	35	88	88	0	88	0	88	0	65	23	16	72	34	54	51	37	46	42	16
17	Mississippi Synod	July 25, 1855	6	5	14	14	0	14	0	13	1	7	7	4	10	2	12	5	9	2	12	17
18	Synod of Iowa	Sept. 3, 1855	31	27	30	29	1	29	1	29	1	26	4	10	20	20	10	22	8	19	11	18
19	Michigan Synod	Oct. 27, 1855	51	45	86	85	1	86	0	85	1	38	48	9	77	30	56	31	55	28	58	19
20	Synod of Georgia	July 20, 1860	23	19	32	26	6	32	0	22	10	23	9	7	25	18	14	17	15	20	12	20
*21	Holston Synod	Dec. 29, 1860	8	12	25	17	8	17	8	14	11	13	12	0	25	4	21	18	7	6	19	*21
*22	Synod of Canada	July 21, 1861	45	41	73	73	0	73	0	73	0	64	9	16	57	11	62	44	29	19	54	*22
23	Susquehanna Synod	Nov. 5, 1867	48	46	79	79	0	79	0	79	0	65	14	28	51	41	38	48	31	46	33	23
24	Synod of Kansas	Nov. 5, 1868	48	36	42	39	3	39	3	39	3	34	8	18	21	23	19	30	12	25	17	24
25	Synod of Nebraska	Sept. 1, 1871	47	44	55	55	0	55	0	39	16	36	19	19	36	24	21	31	24	29	26	25
**26	Wartburg Synod	1875	50	48	51	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	**26
27	German Nebraska Synod	July 24, 1890	84	78	108	94	14	94	14	93	15	65	43	16	92	9	99	42	66	13	95	27
28	Synod of California	April 2, 1891	53	32	32	31	1	31	1	32	0	29	3	17	15	12	20	23	9	23	9	28
29	Rocky Mountain Synod	May 6, 1891	18	15	17	17	0	17	0	17	0	10	7	4	13	4	13	8	9	8	9	39
30	Synod of the Northwest	Sept. 22, 1891	69	59	69	65	4	65	4	64	5	57	12	51	18	40	29	49	20	36	33	30
31	Manitoba Synod	July 16, 1897	33	29	61	56	5	56	5	—	—	a53	a8	—	—	a—	a—	38	23	—	—	31
32	Pacific Synod	Sept. 26, 1901	21	24	25	22	3	23	2	22	3	21	4	11	14	9	16	17	8	11	14	32
33	N. Y. and N. E. Synod	Sept 23, 1902	81	63	63	56	7	60	3	56	7	57	6	32	31	42	21	56	7	49	14	33
34	Nova Scotia Synod	Sept. 10, 1903	8	8	29	25	4	25	4	21	4	22	3	0	29	2	27	12	17	2	27	34
35	Synod of New York	Oct. 7, 1908	148	136	158	151	7	152	6	144	7	113	45	42	116	62	96	97	61	75	83	35
36	Central Canada Synod	Nov. 11, 1908	14	13	17	16	1	16	1	15	2	14	3	—	—	3	14	11	6	6	11	36
37	Synod of West Virginia	April 17, 1912	16	19	39	39	0	39	0	39	0	24	15	8	28	20	19	20	19	16	23	37
*38	Slovak "Zion" Synod	June 10, 1919	20	23	39	26	13	26	13	26	13	12	27	0	39	0	39	5	34	0	39	*38
	Totals		2,887	2,492	3,803	3,464	143	3,518	89	3,471	208	2,896	862	948	2,575	1,437	2,254	2,386	1,356	1,870	1,676	

Reporting Pittsburgh Synod: *Parochial Schools—Number, 2; Teachers, 2; Scholars, 49.

NOTES.—No rubric in Parochial Report.
*From detailed report submitted by statistical secretary on Assembly sheet.
**Minutes do not contain Parochial Report.

‡Twenty-six reported under rubric "Baptisms," 51 did not report.
a Only one rubric for baptisms.
b Only one rubric for deaths.

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Index Number	Accessions Adult		Losses						Church Papers						*Church Schools								Index Number
			Child				Adult								Sunday								
	Otherwise 14		Death 15		Otherwise 16		Death 17		Certificate 18		Otherwise 19		No. Sub. to Synodical Papers 20		No. S. S. Papers Ordered 21		No. Sub. to Other Church Papers 22		Number 23		Officers and Teachers 24		Scholars 25		Home Department 26	
	Congregations	Not Reporting	Congregations	Reporting	Congregations	Not Reporting	Congregations	Reporting	Congregations	Not Reporting	Congregations	Reporting	Congregations	Not Reporting	Congregations	Not Reporting	Congregations	Not Reporting	Congregations	Not Reporting	Congregations	Not Reporting	Congregations	Reporting	Congregations	Not Reporting
1	249	333	269	313	164	418	488	94	391	191	267	315	254	338	128	454	109	473	537	45	524	58	536	56	125	457
2	77	68	b				b107	838			64	81							122	23	122	23	122	23		
3	49	162	13	198	13	198	66	146	100	111	14	197	49	162	32	179	21	190	144	67	143	68	144	67	4	197
4	63	73	50	86	32	104	99	37	81	55	51	85	69	67	43	73	27	100	132	4	132	4	132	4	38	198
5	11	78	29	60	15	74	38	51	44	45	21	68	28	30	59	59	10	79	85	3	85	4	83	6	10	79
6	67	91	43	115	37	121	122	36	117	41	88	75	53	105	38	120	27	131	158	0	158	0	158	0	96	62
7	10	48	11	47	7	51	38	20	41	17	15	43	17	155	18	40	6	52	271	4	271	5	271	4	14	227
8	104	186	59	231	61	229	184	106	186	104	177	113	135	81	192	98	30	260	271	19	271	19	271	19	63	50
9	72	77	52	97	37	112	118	31	108	41	72	77	68	71	57	92	37	112	141	8	137	12	141	8	99	76
10	51	98	33	116	19	130	85	64	80	69	44	106	78	71	47	102	41	106	126	28	126	23	128	23	73	58
11	7	60	9	88	4	63	20	47	18	49	6	61	27	40	8	59	2	65	46	21	46	21	46	21	9	58
12	156	157	12	194	110	213	217	96	205	106	148	154	27	159	182	131	113	200	290	23	290	23	290	23	115	198
13	29	46	12	63	9	66	41	34	35	40	28	47	39	48	39	36	12	63	63	12	59	16	63	12	18	67
14	5	14	6	13	9	10	2	57	2	17	4	15	4	8	2	42	7	12	112	18	110	20	110	18	24	96
*15	25	63	18	70	16	72	55	33	48	40	22	66	42	46	26	62	19	69	85	3	84	5	16	3	0	19
16	5	9	9	14	2	12	2	12	4	10	4	10	8	6	2	12	0	14	8	6	8	4	84	4	44	44
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19	7	25	3	29	6	26	14	18	15	17	10	22	12	20	11	21	2	19	19	33	19	2	23	9	16	70
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*21	17	28	28	44	13	60	56	17	15	58	15	58	37	36	1	62	1	28	56	12	56	17	56	17	1	24
*22	33	56	23	56	16	63	56	23	18	50	21	58	28	51	23	56	11	60	78	1	78	1	78	1	2	71
23	20	46	22	56	11	31	26	12	18	24	21	50	30	12	30	12	11	31	38	4	38	4	38	4	2	33
24	25	30	12	43	11	44	22	16	23	32	19	22	22	33	23	23	20	35	61	4	61	6	49	6	46	44
25																										
26	19	89	25	83	11	97	39	19	10	98	15	93	57	51	16	84	15	98	54	3	54	2	54	2	3	105
27	21	11	6	12	6	16	13	6	17	15	7	10	10	11	6	12	3	18	30	2	30	2	30	2	8	24
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29	57	12	24	45	37	32	36	11	40	29	41	28	26	43	18	25	8	20	44	2	44	2	44	2	7	83
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32	18	28	28	35	24	30	50	13	43	22	44	27	19	12	24	30	22	41	27	6	27	6	27	6	1	53
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34	64	24	39	119	44	114	96	68	88	70	72	86	88	75	67	91	40	118	135	28	134	24	135	28	49	100
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36	1	38		39		39	6	21	18	21	12	27	0	30	0	24	0	30	28	11	28	4	28	11	5	24
37																			33	4	33	4	7	22	6	24
38	1,450	2,341	1,011	2,618	818																					

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1	290	292	48	534	48	534	50	532	190	392	69	513	10	572	107	475	204	378	142	440	142	440	364	218	360	222	1
2	—	—	54	91	54	91	54	91	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	72	73	—	—	121	24	2
3	21	190	8	193	5	196	7	194	88	123	25	186	2	199	62	149	52	159	23	188	21	190	105	106	104	107	3
4	80	56	3	133	3	133	3	133	87	49	17	119	3	133	30	106	42	94	33	103	33	103	100	36	100	36	4
5	29	70	6	83	6	83	6	83	64	25	11	78	0	89	48	41	41	48	24	65	23	66	68	21	66	23	5
6	125	33	4	154	4	154	—	154	114	44	35	123	4	154	51	107	53	105	22	136	22	136	92	66	92	66	6
7	26	32	1	157	1	57	1	57	17	41	4	54	1	57	8	50	19	39	5	53	5	53	37	21	36	22	7
8	125	165	12	278	12	278	12	278	118	172	38	252	3	287	86	204	103	187	93	197	93	197	203	87	203	87	8
9	114	35	15	134	15	134	15	134	82	67	26	123	3	146	40	109	56	93	66	83	63	86	116	33	114	35	9
10	88	61	6	143	6	143	6	143	66	83	18	131	2	147	30	119	37	112	31	118	28	121	67	82	66	83	10
11	17	50	2	65	2	65	2	65	13	54	4	63	0	67	21	46	10	57	5	62	5	62	32	45	30	47	11
12	190	123	17	196	17	196	17	196	242	71	37	276	3	310	79	234	120	193	88	225	88	225	236	77	236	77	12
13	30	45	0	75	0	75	0	75	14	61	11	64	0	75	20	55	19	56	19	56	18	57	50	25	45	30	13
14	70	60	6	124	6	124	6	124	49	81	15	115	1	129	33	197	49	81	54	76	54	76	100	30	100	30	14
15	3	16	0	19	0	19	0	19	5	14	2	17	0	19	0	19	1	18	2	17	2	17	13	6	13	6	*15
16	61	27	0	88	0	88	0	88	43	45	11	77	0	88	18	70	34	54	8	80	8	80	44	44	43	45	16
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19	41	45	3	83	3	83	3	83	19	67	3	83	0	86	10	76	25	61	27	59	27	59	52	34	52	35	19
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*21	1	24	0	25	0	25	0	25	4	21	0	25	0	25	1	24	4	21	4	21	2	23	11	14	9	16	*21
*22	6	67	22	51	22	51	22	51	22	51	14	59	2	71	16	57	10	63	2	71	2	71	28	85	28	45	*22
23	58	21	1	78	1	78	1	78	52	27	13	66	1	78	20	59	27	52	26	53	26	53	50	29	49	30	23
24	25	17	3	39	3	39	3	39	34	8	2	40	0	40	10	32	24	18	13	29	13	29	36	6	36	6	24
25	30	25	0	55	0	55	0	55	29	26	6	49	1	54	19	36	19	36	18	37	18	37	46	9	46	9	25
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27	2	06	29	79	29	79	30	78	27	81	6	102	—	—	12	96	9	99	2	106	2	106	37	71	37	71	27
28	17	15	4	28	4	28	4	28	24	8	4	28	0	32	1	31	13	19	9	23	9	23	29	3	29	3	28
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31	—	—	38	23	38	23	38	23	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	56	5	56	31
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35	92	26	15	143	13	145	15	143	61	97	18	140	1	157	22	136	47	111	60	98	59	99	128	30	127	31	35
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37	12	27	—	—	—	—	—	—	13	26	3	36	—	—	7	32	9	30	6	33	6	33	20	19	20	19	37
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	1,684	1,872	328	3,244	323	3,249	330	3,242	1,602	1,944	432	3,114	41	3,321	807	2,838	1,143	2,404	895	2,651	953	2,738	2,282	1,335	2,375	1,388	

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Index Number	Church Societies Young People				Valuation of Church Property												Congregational Expenses						Index Number
	Number 40		Members 41		Church Edifices 42		Parsonages 43		School and Parish Houses 44		Endowment 45		Other Property 46		Total Valuation 47		Indebtedness 48		Current 49		Unusual 50		Total 51		
	Congregations		Congregations		Congregations		Congregations		Congregations		Congregations		Congregations		Congregations		Congregations		Congregations		Congregations		Congregations		
	Reporting	Not Reporting	Reporting	Not Reporting	Reporting	Not Reporting	Reporting	Not Reporting	Reporting	Not Reporting	Reporting	Not Reporting	Reporting	Not Reporting	Reporting	Not Reporting	Reporting	Not Reporting	Reporting	Not Reporting	Reporting	Not Reporting	Reporting	Not Reporting	
1	302	280	288	294	565	17	264	218	24	558	103	479	91	491	561	21	170	412	566	16	371	211	566	16	1
2	—	—	104	41	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	121	24	77	68	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
3	85	126	83	128	159	52	82	129	4	197	3	198	8	193	157	1	21	190	165	46	99	112	165	46	3
4	80	56	80	56	130	6	74	62	4	132	27	109	19	117	132	4	36	100	124	12	98	38	124	12	4
5	63	26	61	28	87	2	59	30	4	85	3	86	5	84	88	1	22	67	87	2	51	38	87	1	5
6	106	52	106	52	158	0	98	60	4	154	33	125	19	139	158	0	21	137	158	0	95	63	158	0	6
7	17	41	17	41	57	1	31	27	2	56	10	48	8	50	57	1	5	53	57	1	36	22	57	1	7
8	124	166	123	167	269	21	147	143	3	287	34	256	21	269	272	18	63	227	262	28	172	118	262	28	8
9	102	47	99	50	146	3	84	65	9	140	28	121	19	130	148	1	60	89	143	6	101	45	143	6	9
10	56	93	53	96	148	1	81	68	1	148	15	134	11	138	147	2	21	128	137	12	80	69	136	13	10
11	20	57	20	57	64	3	19	48	1	67	10	57	2	65	66	1	9	58	50	17	25	42	46	21	11
12	171	142	171	142	307	6	153	160	7	306	43	270	34	279	309	4	101	212	298	15	201	112	299	14	12
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24	28	14	28	14	39	3	29	14	1	41	3	39	4	38	39	3	11	31	39	3	31	11	39	3	24
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†Unapportioned benevolence (W. Pa.).

Congregations reporting		Congregations not reporting	
Synodical Treasury	153	Synodical Treasury	5
Ministerial Education	149	Ministerial Education	9
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIFTIETH CONVENTION

of the

GENERAL SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Buffalo, N. Y., Oct. 17, 1922.

The Fiftieth Convention of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States of America assembled in Christus Church, Rev. T. H. Becker, Pastor, the time and place having been selected by the Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church in America, and notice given for two months in *The Lutheran* by the Secretary. The Rev. V. G. A. Tressler, Ph. D., D. D., presided. The hymn, "Jesus Shall Reign" was sung. Psalm 91 was read responsively. Rev. G. A. Getty, D. D., offered prayer. The Secretary, Rev. Frank P. Manhart, reported having regular credentials from a majority of the constituent synods, and that a quorum was present.

The following is the roll of delegates:

1—Maryland

Rev. J. S. Simon, D.D.	Mr. F. W. Kakel
Rev. H. H. Beidelman	Mr. Frank Smith
Rev. Robert D. Clare, D.D.	Mr. L. Russell Alden, Esq.
Rev. A. R. Wentz, Ph.D., D.D.	Harry T. Domer, Litt.D.
Rev. John Weidley, D.D.	Mr. W. W. Doub
Rev. L. M. Zimmerman, D.D.	Mr. S. C. Stoner
Rev. F. U. Gift, D.D.	Mr. T. P. Hickman
Rev. S. T. Nicholas, D.D.	Mr. E. W. Herman
Rev. Richard Schmidt	Mr. W. K. Beard
Rev. Henry Manken, Jr.	Mr. J. H. Michael

2—West Pennsylvania

Rev. H. B. Stock, D.D.	Mr. George E. Neff
Rev. A. R. Steck, D.D.	Mr. A. R. Nissley
Rev. C. E. Arnold	Mr. L. C. Lesher
Rev. G. A. Getty, D.D.	Mr. W. L. Gladfelter
Rev. Henry Anstadt, D.D.	Mr. P. A. Elsesser
Rev. Albert Bell, D.D.	Mr. H. G. Seeling
Rev. E. C. Ruby	Mr. W. C. Seitz
Rev. J. A. Clutz, D.D., LL.D.	Prof. J. G. Stahley, M.D.
Rev. Luther Kuhlman, D.D.	Mr. G. E. Holtzapple

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3—East Ohio

Rev. A. H. Smith, D.D.	Prof. Carl Meyer
Rev. E. W. Simon, D.D.	Hon. H. W. Harter, LL.D.
Rev. J. F. Seebach	Mr. F. W. Albrecht
Rev. J. B. Dobbyn, Ph.D.	Mr. J. L. Clark

4—Alleghany

Rev. C. E. Kuhnert	Mr. J. W. Kildow
Rev. J. M. Rearick	Mr. W. B. Miller
Rev. Prof. H. C. Alleman, D.D.	Mr. Fred Samuel
Rev. J. W. Shannon, D.D.	Mr. Charles Fritz
Rev. C. B. Bastian	Mr. M. G. Smith
Rev. F. P. Fisher	Mr. George M. Garner
Rev. Isaac Krider	Mr. W. A. G. Lape

5—East Pennsylvania

Rev. H. W. A. Hanson, D.D.	Mr. E. A. Heffelfinger
Rev. A. Pohlman, D.D.	Mr. R. J. Kalm
Rev. S. S. Diehl	Mr. John Nice
Rev. L. C. Manges, D.D.	Mr. A. D. Chiquoine
Rev. D. E. Rupley	Mr. A. K. Jacks
Rev. J. F. Hartman, D.D.	Mr. J. A. Dehoff
Rev. A. M. Stametts, D.D.	Mr. H. J. Knoll
Rev. Thomas Reisch, D.D.	Mr. George E. Dietterick, M.D.
Rev. G. A. Greiss, D.D.	Mr. Edward Weaver
Rev. Wm. J. Miller	Mr. Wm. T. Voll
Rev. J. H. Musselman, D.D.	Mr. A. M. Landis
Rev. G. Z. Stup	Mr. George W. Radel

6—Miami

Rev. G. B. Schmidtt, D.D.	Mr. W. H. Schauss
Rev. Prof. L. H. Larimer, D.D.	Mr. J. W. Kahler
Rev. E. C. Xander	Mr. A. W. Ulrici

7—Pittsburgh

Rev. E. B. Burgess, D.D.	Mr. Robbin B. Wolf
Rev. Alonzo J. Turkle, D.D.	Mr. Charles F. F. Stifel
Rev. J. Elmer Bittle, D.D.	Mr. John A. Hill
Rev. E. E. Blint, D.D.	Mr. H. C. Hoffman, M.D.
Rev. G. W. Englar, D.D.	Hon. J. W. King
Rev. M. L. Clare, D.D.	Mr. C. J. Mensch
Rev. G. Arthur Fry	Mr. A. F. Landis
Rev. John J. Hill, D.D.	Mr. Charles H. Miller

8—Wittenberg

Rev. Paul W. Koller, D.D.	Hon. J. L. Zimmerman, LL.D.
Rev. R. E. Tulloss, Ph.D., D.D.	Mr. Marwin Lutz
Rev. Prof. V. G. A. Tressler, Ph.D. D.D.	Mr. O. W. Kerns

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9—Olive Branch

Rev. W. C. Davis	Mr. Daniel Wertz
Rev. J. P. Miller, D.D.	Mr. E. M. Haas
Rev. J. B. Gardner	Mr. H. C. Hasemeier
Rev. A. E. Renn, D.D.	Mr. J. E. Spiegel

10—Northern Illinois

Rev. J. M. Brankamp, D.D.

11—Central Pennsylvania

Rev. A. H. Spangler, D.D.	Mr. R. M. Krebs
Rev. W. M. Rearick, D.D.	Mr. F. M. Crawford
Rev. J. F. Harkins	Mr. C. M. Bower
Rev. W. J. Schultz	Mr. Irvin Baker

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Rev. J. O. Simon, D.D.	Mr. H. A. Mohl
Rev. J. A. Miller	Mr. J. A. Behnke

13—Northern Indiana

Rev. L. S. Keyser, D.D.	Mr. C. E. Etnire
Rev. Courtland Miller	Mr. J. H. Keise
Rev. Alonzo B. Garman	Mr. W. A. Reichert
Rev. L. W. Sifferd	Mr. Fred E. Buergen
Rev. J. D. Brosy	Mr. Clifford Houck

14—Central Illinois

Rev. I. W. Bingaman, D.D.

15—Susquehanna

Rev. C. R. Myers	Mr. William Decker
Rev. J. B. Focht, D.D.	Mr. B. F. Apple
Rev. C. R. Bowers, D.D.	Mr. A. M. Hall, M.D.
Rev. N. S. Wolf	Mr. Glenn W. Foulke
Rev. F. P. Manhart, D.D.	

16—Kansas

Rev. B. R. Lantz, D.D.	Mr. L. T. Bang
Rev. C. E. Gardner, D.D.	Mr. J. E. Brewer
Rev. N. D. Goehring	Mr. Carl Brown
Rev. S. S. Kaufman, D.D.	Mr. A. Alberts

17—Nebraska

Rev. C. B. Harman, D.D.	Mr. R. C. Luckey
Rev. C. F. Koch	Mr. J. H. Miller
Rev. J. H. Fetterolf	Mr. G. H. Hasse
Rev. W. I. Guss	Mr. A. E. Hecker
Rev. Wm. T. Kahse	Mr. E. A. Vanfleet

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18—Wartburg

Rev. R. Neuman, D.D.	Mr. John Armbruster
Rev. E. Ortlepp, D.D.	Mr. Louis Christensen
Rev. H. F. Werhahn	Mr. George A. Bosch
Rev. George Schultz	Mr. R. J. Meyer
Rev. B. Garten, D.D.	Mr. W. Heim

19—California

Rev. A. H. Derr	Mr. C. B. Runkle
Rev. E. A. Trabert	Mr. C. L. Trabert
Rev. J. E. Hoick	Mr. W. J. Gram

20—German Nebraska

21—Rocky Mountain

Rev. R. B. Wolf	Mr. A. F. Sitloh
Rev. H. I. Kohler	Mr. Charles Bethke

22—Southern Illinois

Rev. C. H. Hightower	Rev. H. L. McGill, D.D.

23—New York

Rev. C. W. Leitzel, D.D.	Hon. E. F. Eilert
Rev. F. H. Knubel, D.D., LL.D.	Mr. J. Decker
Rev. J. H. Meyer	Mr. Albers
Rev. A. E. Dietz, D.D.	Mr. Frank Grumback
Rev. Wagschall, Sr.	Mr. George Witt
Rev. J. E. Heindel, D.D.	Mr. F. H. Wefer
Rev. H. D. Shimer	Mr. F. S. Houck
Rev. J. G. Traver	Mr. George Crocker
Rev. F. E. Oberlander	Mr. Grant Van Hoesen
Rev. J. J. Flanders	Mr. Alonzo Hayner
Rev. E. E. Traver	Mr. H. J. Vanbeck
Rev. O. E. Voight	Mr. Henry Zimmerman
Rev. E. L. Kelly, Ph.D.	Mr. William Reiffel
Rev. E. Von Hahman, Ph.D.	

24—West Virginia

Rev. J. Meyer	Mr. D. W. Reiter
Rev. P. T. Crickenberger	Mr. H. E. Zihlman

President Tressler read a report as follows:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

GENERAL SYNOD

Brethren:

It may not be amiss at this moment to call your attention to the fact that, by the grace of God and through the constituted call of the Church, we are assembled in the Fiftieth Convention of the General Synod of the

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Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States of America. Those hundred years from that first Session at Frederick, Md., in 1821, with its total of ten delegates, presided over by Dr. George Lachmann, of sainted memory, have marked momentous events. Of these, undoubtedly the greatest and most significant has been the achieving of our larger unity in the United Lutheran Church in America, to which the General Synod has been permitted to make so historical and so vital a contribution. A new Ecclesiastical Commencement has been made possible in this strategic and creative time. Though we must decrease, yet He must increase.

The call for and the vested authority of this Convention is found in the Resolutions which were adopted by the General Synod, together with the other general bodies prior to the merger in 1918.

"*Resolved,* That if similar action is taken by the General Council and the United Synod in the South, (1) the General Synod shall promptly, to the fullest extent requested from time to time by a duly authorized committee appointed by the United Lutheran Church in America, (*a*) unite with the General Council and the United Synod in the South in continuing all its activities in and through the United Lutheran Church in America, (*b*) convey, transfer and deliver, and cause to be conveyed, transferred and delivered, all its (the General Synod's) property and rights now and hereafter held in trust and otherwise, to the United Lutheran Church in America, or the appropriate boards, institutions, organizations, or agencies of the United Lutheran Church in America, and (*c*) cause all its (the General Synod's) boards, institutions, organizations and agencies to continue all their activities in and through, and to convey, transfer and deliver, and cause to be conveyed, transferred and delivered, all their property and rights now and hereafter held in trust and otherwise to the United Lutheran Church in America, or the appropriate boards, institutions, organizations, or agencies of the United Lutheran Church in America; and (2) the General Synod shall, after the first Convention of the United Lutheran Church in America, act separately only in such matters and to such an extent as the said committee will permit.

"*Resolved,* That if similar action is taken by General Council and the United Synod in the South, (1) the General Synod shall, whenever and as often as requested by the said committee appointed by the United Lutheran Church in America, do all such things and take all such action as the said committee will request from time to time for the purpose of (*a*) carrying the last preceding resolution into effect, and (*b*) facilitating, simplifying and winding up the organization, business and affairs of and dissolving or legally merging the General Synod and any or all of its boards, institutions, organizations and agencies.

"*Resolved,* That after the first Convention of the United Lutheran Church in America, the times and places of the conventions of the General Synod shall be appointed exclusively by the said committee."

Under the above authorization the several general bodies have been called to hold their meetings at this time, Tuesday, Oct. 17, 1922.

Under similar authority, the General Synod met at the Church of the Epiphany, Washington, D. C., Oct. 19, 1920, approved necessary amendments to its Constitution, acknowledged official action of its constituent synods approving the merger and received such reports as were necessary at the time. On none of those matters is further action by this body now required.

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I report to you the following letter from the Treasurer of the General Synod, which liquidates that treasury in favor of the United Lutheran Church according to the Merger provision.

Richmond, Ind., February 22, 1922.

DR. V. G. A. TRESSLER,
Springfield, Ohio.

DEAR DR. TRESSLER,

I am in receipt of yours of recent date instructing me to forward to Mr. Miller the balance in my hands to the credit of the General Synod Treasury. Pursuant thereto, I am sending him today draft for $438.38, representing said balance as per statement enclosed herewith.

Most sincerely yours,
JESSE A. WIECHMAN.

Matters before us for present action are first:

1. The presentation of the Synodical Roll by the General Synod's long time and esteemed Secretary, Dr. Frank Manhart.

2. The election of members of Boards in order to perpetuate all legal rights involved in the past life and organization of the General Synod. In this case we recommend the action of two years ago.

(See General Synod Minutes, 1920, Page 545.)

3. The consummation of the Merger in accordance with the general constitutional provisions, in the case of the Pastors' Fund Society. Letters and statements in this connection are now in the hands of your officers. We recommend such consummation and the election of General Synod representatives thereupon.

4. The matter adjusting the relations of the Feghtly Home paper will follow.

5. Other reports or business which may properly come before this Body for its decision or sanction.

6. The election of general officers. Acording to the General Synod Constitution, Article 3, Section 1, of said Constitution reading: "The same person is at all times re-eligible as Secretary and Treasurer, but no one may be elected President except as an ordained minister nor more than twice in succession." Your present President has been so elected, is not, therefore, further eligible and upon its selection of his successor, returns to this Body with deep appreciation the responsibility and obligation thereto attached.

Humbly acknowledging the Divine Leadership in the outstanding years through which we have come, and praying the Great Head of the Church that, in all who have lived in and leaned to this Merger moment, Christ may dwell by Faith; that we, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth and length and depth and height; and to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge, that we, too, may be filled with all the fullness of God.

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Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

Respectfully submitted,
VICTOR G. A. TRESSLER,
President General Synod.

The Treasurer of the General Synod reported that he had turned over his balance of $438.38 to the Treasurer of the United Lutheran Church.

Resolved, That all members of boards are hereby elected according to the action taken in 1920, recorded on page 545 of Minutes.

Pastors' Fund Society

The following committee was appointed to nominate a Board of the Pastors' Fund Society: Rev. H. W. A. Hanson, D. D., Rev. J. H. Musselmann, D. D., Rev. H. B. Stock, D. D. Their report naming the following was adopted:

Rev. M. H. Valentine, D. D.
Rev. A. Pohlman, D. D.
Rev. Edgar Grim Miller, D. D.
Mr. J. H. Brandt.
Mr. J. P. Tustin

The following presented by the trustees was adopted:

Whereas, The Pastors' Fund Society of the General Synod of the Lutheran Church in the United States of America was organized and chartered under the laws of Pennsylvania with the sole object of "the support of disabled or superannuated ministers, their widows and children," on the basis of "*need*" only, and

Whereas, The Board of Ministerial Relief of the United Lutheran Church is now first, a Board of Pensions, with relief of necessitous cases dependent upon an unexpended surplus or on subscriptions contributed specifically for that purpose, *Therefore,* be it *Resolved,* That this General Synod, duly assembled, recommend and request that the Trustees of the Pastors' Fund Society transfer the funds and securities now held by said Society and those acquired in the future, to the Board of Ministerial Relief of the United Lutheran Church in America, in trust, as an Endowment Fund for Relief of Necessitous Cases only, the income of which Endowment Fund shall be disbursed for the relief and support of Lutheran ministers. their widows and dependent children, with a pro rata percentage overhead expense of administration, in conformity with the intent set forth in its Charter, Constitution and By-Laws.

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Feghtly Home

A communication from the Inner Mission Board to the Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church in America was read. The trustees of the Feghtly Home were re-elected as follows:

Rev. Wm. L. Guard, D. D.	Mrs. W. H. Bitner.
Rev. D. Frank Garland, D. D.	Mrs. C. B. Herr.
Rev. C. J. Kiefer, D. D.	Mrs. A. R. Garver.
Leonard H. Shipman, Esq.	Mrs. E. L. Crane.
Eric J. Weaver, Esq.	Mrs. Salina Belmer.
Mr. A. L. Harshberger.	Mrs. C. U. Briggs.

Rev. L. B. Wolf, D. D., Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions made several statements for information.

Mr. A. D. Chiquoine, Chairman of the Hymn Book Publishing Committee, reported as follows:

Former Hymn Book Publishing Committee

The instructions of the last General Synod have been followed, in that the Hymn Book Publishing Committee closed its accounts and records and turned its books over to the office of the United Lutheran Publication Society; also action was taken to make any necessary conveyance of all interests in copyrights to the Publication Society. A. D. CHIQUOINE.

This report was approved.

Rev. Harry Anstadt, D. D., reported having $5.16 left over from the funds of the Temperance Committee. He was instructed to place it in the Treasury of the United Lutheran Church.

It was resolved to cancel certain notes of the German Nebraska and Central Illinois Synods, held by the Treasurer, and that they be returned to these synods.

The election of officers of the General Synod resulted as follows:

President—Rev. Frank P. Manhart, D. D.
Secretary—Rev. L. Kuhlman, D. D.
Treasurer—Hon. John L. Zimmerman, LL. D.

History of the General Synod

It was resolved that the special committee on the history of the General Synod, appointed by the General Synod in 1917, be instructed to continue their efforts to prepare a documentary his-

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tory of the General Synod; that the Secretary and the Treasurer of the General Synod be added to this special committee; and that the enlarged committee be given authority to take such steps looking toward its publication as may be deemed advisable.

Thanks were tendered the Rev. T. H. Becker, pastor of Christus Church, for the courteous granting of the use of his church.

Pastor Becker made a brief and very kindly address to the General Synod. President Tressler made a suitable response.

The newly elected officers, in response to calls, made brief and appreciative remarks to the General Synod.

The Minutes of this Fiftieth Convention of the General Synod were read and approved.

The doxology, Praise God from whom all blessings flow, was sung and all united in the use of the Lord's Prayer. The new president pronounced the Apostolic benediction and declared the General Synod adjourned, to meet at the time and place selected by the Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church in America.

FRANK P. MANHART, *Secretary.*
LUTHER KUHLMAN, *Secretary.*

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MINUTES OF THE THIRTY-EIGHTH CONVENTION

of the

GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN NORTH AMERICA

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, HICKORY STREET, NEAR BROADWAY, BUFFALO, N. Y.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1922, 2.14 p. m.

The Thirty-eighth Convention of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America was called to order by the President, the Rev. Fred. H. Bosch. The hymn used was 202, and the Scripture Lesson, Romans 12: 1-21. Prayer was offered by the Rev. J. J. Schindel, D. D.

The reading of the Minutes of the Thirty-seventh Convention was on motion omitted and the Minutes as printed were approved.

The President presented the following report:

To the Members of the General Council, greeting:

MY DEAR BRETHREN: Grace be unto you and peace from God our Father and from our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

In convening the General Council at this time I beg leave to state that it is done in accordance with the wish and direction of the Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church.

The past bi-ennium has been one of inactivity as far as the separate work of the General Council has been concerned, although I am perfectly aware of the fact that the General Council through its Synods and congregations has been active in the various fields of Christian service in which the United Lutheran Church is engaged. The time does not seem far distant, when the good work begun in 1918 will be consummated, when the three general bodies comprising the United Lutheran Church will cease to exist and the Merger be an accomplished fact. When that time shall arrive it is not for me to say, but great strides in that general direction have been made.

Since the last meeting of the General Council, held October 19, 1920, in Washington, D. C., many if not all the bonds and mortgages on various church properties held by the General Council have been assigned to the United Lutheran Church, the President and Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the General Council signing and sealing the necessary documents of transfer. At the request of the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the General Council, Mr. W. H. Hager, I directed the Treasurer

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of the General Council, Mr. J. B. Franke, to transfer all money of the General Council in his possession to the Treasurer of the United Lutheran Church. Mr. Franke has informed me that this has been done.

I consider it to be my duty to call attention to a letter received by me from the Secretary of the United Lutheran Church. The letter follows:

August 17th, 1922.

MY DEAR BROTHER BOSCH: You have already been notified that arrangements have been made for the meeting of the General Council in St. John's Church, Hickory St., near Broadway, Buffalo, N. Y., on Thursday, October 17th, at two o'clock P. M. For your guidance and convenience I am sending you the following resolutions* which were adopted by the General Council prior to the merger in 1918. Similar action was taken by the General Synod and the United Synod in the South.

"That each of the three general bodies shall take the following action at its meeting immediately preceding the first meeting of The United Lutheran Church in America:

'Resolved 1. That the (Name of body) will to the fullest extent requested from time to time by the Executive Board of The United Lutheran Church in America;

(a) Unite with the other two general bodies joining in the merger in continuing all its activities in and through The United Lutheran Church in America.

(b) Convey, transfer and deliver, and cause to be conveyed, transferred and delivered, all its (Name) property and rights now and hereafter held in trust and otherwise, to The United Lutheran Church in America, or to the appropriate boards, institutions, organizations, or agencies of The United Lutheran Church in America; and,

(c) Cause all its (Name) boards, institutions, organizations and agencies to continue all their activities in and through, and to convey, transfer and deliver, and cause to be conveyed, transferred and delivered, all their property and rights now and hereafter held in trust and otherwise to, The United Lutheran Church in America, or to the appropriate boards, institutions, organizations or agencies of The United Lutheran Church in America.'

'Resolved 2. That the (Name) will henceforth act separately only under the advice and direction of the Executive Board of The United Lutheran Church in America.'

'Resolved 3. That the (Name) will do such things and take such action as the said Executive Board may request from time to time for the purpose of:

(a) Carrying the preceding resolutions into effect; and

(b) Facilitating, simplifying and winding up the organization, business and affairs of and dissolving or legally merging the (Name) and any or all of its boards, institutions, organizations and agencies'."

The resolutions referred to are to be found on page 58 of the Minutes of the General Council printed together with the Minutes of the First Convention of The United Lutheran Church in America (1918).

Yours very cordially,
M. G. G. SCHERER,
Secretary.

If the General Council does not see its way clear at this time to wind up its affairs or if it feels that occasions might arise that would necessitate some action of the General Council, it will be necessary to elect officers and also members of the various boards as heretofore. (A list of the various boards is found on pages 552 and 553 of the Minutes of the second Biennial Convention of the United Lutheran Church.)

There are several vacancies on the boards which will have to be filled, vancies caused because God called the faithful servants to their eternal reward, namely: Mr. W. Fred Monroe, member of the Foreign Mission Board, whose term would have expired in 1923; Rev. Dr. W. A. Snyder, of the English Home Mission Board, whose term would have expired in 1923; Mr. J. A. Prigge, of the German Home Mission Board, whose term would have expired in 1923, and Rev. F. C. Oberly, of the Education Board, whose term would have expired in 1923. All these men have been active

(*A copy of these resolutions was sent at the same time to the Presidents of the General Synod and the United Synod in the South.—Secy. of The U. L. C. in A.)

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in the various fields of labor to which they were assigned, they have given their best in the service of Christ and His Church, and deserve to be held in sweet memory by a grateful church, which they have served so well. And now, brethren, may the Holy Spirit direct us in all our deliberations and add His divine blessing.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED. H. BOSCH, *President.*

The above report was amended as it appears and received as amended. The Treasurer, Mr. J. B. Franke, presented the following report:

J. B. FRANKE, Esq.,

Treasurer,

General Council of Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America.

Fort Wayne, Ind.

DEAR SIR: We enclose herewith schedule of receipts and disbursements of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America for the period October 16, 1920, to June 7, 1922, which have been carefully audited in accordance with your instructions and duly certified to.

Very respectfully yours,

GEORGE B. BUIST & Co.

GENERAL COUNCIL OF EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN NORTH AMERICA

Receipts

Balance cash, October 16, 1920:			
Old National Bank Savings Account		$647.23	
Old National Bank Checking Account		12.24	
			$659.47
1- 3-21	Interest on Savings Account		12.94
3-17-21	Interest on Savings Account		4.22
4-17-22	Street Improvement Bonds Matured		316.00
4-17-22	Interest on above bonds		19.05
5- 2-22	Miscellaneous Interest		1.93
6- 2-22	Street Improvement Bonds Matured (Indianapolis)		296.56
6- 2-22	Interest on above bonds		8.79
6- 2-22	Street Improvement Bonds Matured (Fort Wayne)		310.88
6- 2-22	Interest on above bonds		8.05
	Total receipts		$1,637.89

Disbursements

12-30-20	Geo. B. Buist, auditing account 10-16-20	$5.00
1-17-21	Rev. W. L. Stough for writing minutes of the 1918 adjourned meeting of the General Council and express on same from Hood River, Oreg., to Philadelphia, Pa	33.47
3-17-21	City Street Improvement bonds and Interest	638.16

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4-21-22	City Street Improvement Bonds and Interest.....	$303.57
6- 7-22	Transfer of balance of fund from General Council to United Lutheran Church in America.....	657.69
	Total disbursements.....	$1,637.89

We hereby certify that we have carefully examined the cash records and inspected properly authenticated vouchers in the case of disbursments reflected in the foregoing statement which correctly sets forth all cash transactions and is a true and correct summary of cash received and disbursed during the period October 16, 1920, to June 7, 1922.

GEORGE B. BUIST & Co.

The report was adopted.

On motion of the Rev. E. P. Pfatteicher, Ph. D., D. D., the action taken at the Thirty-seventh Convention of this body in reference to the balance in the treasury was reconsidered.

On motion of the Rev. W. L. Hunton, Ph. D., D. D., it was

Resolved, That we request the United Lutheran Church in America to apply the money paid over by the Treasurer of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, to a memorial to the late Rev. T. E. Schmauk, D. D., LL.D., and to promote this object as soon as possible.

The Rev. W. D. C. Keiter, D. D., reported that the General Council had received a bequest from the estate of the late Rev. Wm. Ashmead Schaeffer, D. D.

On motion of the Rev. Prof. J. A. W. Haas, D.D., LL.D., the report of the Trustees of the General Council, to be made later, is to be entered on the minutes as of this session.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES

Trustees of the General Council would respectfully report that upon their election two years ago at the Convention of the General Council held in Washington, D. C., they met and organized by the election of Rev. Frederick Bosch, President; Hon. William H. Staake, Treasurer, and E. Augustus Miller, Secretary.

That as no business required any meeting during the biennium no meeting was held. During the past two years all of the assets and securities of the Lutheran Mission and Church Extension Society have been transferred to the Trustees and in turn have been transferred and assigned by the Trustees to the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the United Lutheran Church. This was done in accordance with the resolution regularly adopted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. AUG. MILLER, *Secretary.*

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The Convention proceeded to the election of officers and the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the Convention for the present incumbents. The following were declared elected:

Rev. Fred. H. Bosch, President.
Rev. W. L. Stough, Secretary.
Rev. E. A. Tappert, German Secretary.
Rev. F. A. Kaehler, D. D., English Corresponding Secretary.
Rev. Prof. H. Offermann, D. D., German Corresponding Secretary.
Mr. J. B. Franke, Treasurer.

The Rev. B. F. Hankey presented the

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS FOR PORTO RICO AND LATIN-AMERICA

The Board of Missions for Porto Rico and Latin America, of the General Council of the Lutheran Church in North America, would respectfully submit to this Convention of the General Council the following report, viz:

(1) That the Board met at stated times for the consideration of any matter claiming its attention and acted as the necessity of the case demanded.

(2) That two of our faithful members, Rev. J. A. Bernhard and Mr. J. S. Seaman, Sr., were called home in the interim of this Convention. The former was well known throughout the Augustana Synod and the General Council as well as a man with a world vision, always pointing to the fields "ripe unto harvest," and as one who never grew weary in bending his energies to the task: The latter's name will ever be associated with the benevolent operations of the Pittsburgh Synod, for he was one of those tender hearted men whose heart was quickened as he listened and heard the call that came to him from distressed children of men, and many are the benevolent gifts that flowed out of a life of faith in the hour of need. The former's term of office expired 1921; the latter 1923. The Rev. J. V. Benson was elected by the Board to fill the place of the Rev. J. A. Bernhard, deceased, and Mr. W. A. Steinmeyer was also elected by the Board to fill out the unexpired term of Mr. J. S. Seaman, Sr., deceased.

(3) During the biennium the Rev. H. L. McMurray, one of the faithful ministers of the Pittsburgh Synod, who had dedicated his life and all that he possessed to the service of Jesus Christ and His Church, was called to his reward in Heaven. Some years ago his eyes had been turned toward Porto Rico and the great need there for an institution of learning in which men might be trained for the preaching of the gospel, and accordingly he left as his legacy to supply that need, all of this world's goods to erect a Memorial Institution, to be known as the "Robert Jenkins McMurray Memorial," a memorial to his son whom he had dedicated to God but who was called home when but five years of age. The Secretary of the Board was named as executor of the estate, and he, together with and under the direction of the Board, aided by the widow, Mrs. Elizabeth Jenkins McMurray,

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and by the very helpful assistance of her son-in-law, Mr. G. C. Frank, arrangements are being made to sell property which has a net value approximately of $30,000 (thirty thousands dollars).

(4) The Board would respectfully submit the following recommendation to the General Council for consideration and action, the election to office of the following persons named for the coming biennium, viz:

(a) That the General Council elect Mr. W. A. Steinmeyer to fill the unexpired term of office of Mr. Joseph S. Seaman, deceased.

(b) That the following named persons whose term of office expired in 1921 be re-elected to this Board, viz., Revs. E. Belfour, D. D., Morten Parson, A. J. Holl, C. O. Thunberg, J. V. Benson, B. F. Hankey. (Term of office four years.)

EDMUND BELFOUR, D. D., *President.* B. F. HANKEY, *Secretary.*

On motion of Mr. H. Hodges the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the Convention for the members of boards. The following were declared elected:

Foreign Mission Board

Term Expiring in 1924—Rev. Prof. Theo. Benze, D. D., Rev. R. C. G. Bielinski, Rev. E. P. Pfatteicher, Ph. D., D. D., Rev. J. A. Dewald, Rev. A. Steimle, D. D., Mr. H. G. G. Querns, Mr. James M. Snyder.

English Home Mission Board

Term Expiring 1925—Rev. Prof. J. E. Whitteker, D. D., Rev. G. W. Sandt, D. D., LL. D., Rev. Paul Scherer, Mr. W. H. Hager, Mr. F. D. Bittner, Mr. J. B. Franke, E. Aug. Miller, Esq.

German Home Mission Board

Term Expiring in 1925—Rev. Prof. E. Hoffman, D. D., Rev. E. J. Kraeling, Rev. G. A. Benze, Rev. E. R. Tappert, Rev. H. C. Schmieder, Rev. G. C. Berkemeier, D. D., Rev. Philip Kirchner, Rev. O. W. Krauch, Mr. Theo. Roehrs, Mr. G. T. Auger, Mr. E. C. Muncke, Mr. Peter Woll, Jr., Mr. Martin Wulff.

Porto Rico Mission Board

Term Expiring in 1925—Rev. E. Belfour, D. D., Rev. Morten Parson, Rev. A. J. Holl, Rev. C. O. Thumberg, Rev. J. V. Benson, Rev. B. E. Hankey.

Term Expires in 1927—Mr. Wm. Steinmeyer, Mr. J. B. Kaercher, Mr. Chas. W. Fuhr, Mr. J. Warren Hunter, Mr. H. A. Johnson.

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Board of Publication

Term Expires in 1925—Rev. C. J. Cooper, D. D., Mr. E. Clarence Miller, LL. D., Rev. N. R. Melhorn, D. D., Mr. James G. Finley, Prof. H. G. Deininger, Ph. D.

Immigrant Board

Term Expires in 1925—Rev. J. Weyl, Rev. J. J. Heischmann, D. D., Rev. A. L. Benner, Rev. F. O. Evers, Rev. J. W. Loch, Ph. D., Rev. H. D. Kraeling, Rev. F. Sutter, Rev. A. L. Ramer, Ph. D., Mr. P. Lindemann, Mr. Peter Doerr, Mr. Chas. Breuning.

Slav-Hungarian Board

Term Expires in 1925—Rev. Geo. Gebert, D. D., Rev. A. D. Dianiska, Rev. G. H. Tappert, Rev. F. E. Jensen, Rev. H. C. J. Erbes, Mr. R. J. Sautter.

Board of Education

Term Expires in 1925—Rev. M. L. Canup, Rev. A. Holthusen, Rev. W. E. Frey, Rev. Prof. J. A. W. Haas, D. D., LL. D., Rev. F. A. Kaehler, D. D., Rev. J. A. W. Kirsch, Rev. E. F. Keever, D. D., ————————.

Virgin Islands Board

Term Expires in 1925—Rev. W. M. Horn, Rev. Prof. E. F. Krauss, D. D., Rev. J. C. Fischer, Rev. G. F. Gehr, D. D., Rev. S. Paulson, Rev. C. F. Kuder, D. D., Mr. R. E. Gaskell, Mr. S. F. Telleen, Mr. H. F. Heuer, Mr. P. G. Gravenhorst.

On motion of the Rev. Prof. J. A. W. Haas, D. D., LL. D., the Secretary cast the ballot of the Convention for Trustees of the General Council, and the following were declared elected:

For Three Years—Rev. F. F. Fry, D. D., Mr. W. H. Hager, Mr. R. E. Gaskell.

For Two Years—Rev. Prof. H. Offermann, D. D., Rev. E. F. Ritter, D. D., Prof. S. P. Sadtler, Ph. D., LL. D.

The term of office of the following, which expires in 1923, extends until their successors are elected in 1924: Rev. Fred. H. Bosch, Hon. Wm. H. Staake, E. Aug. Miller, Esq.

The following delegates reported their presence:

I. The Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and the Adjacent States.

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Organized August 15 (New Style, 26), A. D. 1748.

Clerical.	*Lay.*
Rev. Prof. C. Theo. Benze, D.D.	Fred. S. Achey, M.D.
Rev. C. J. Cooper, D.D.	Mr. Charles M. Berkemeyer
Rev. George Drach	Mr. Frank D. Bittner
Rev. Franklin T. Esterly	Mr. Chas. H. Esser
Rev. G. Franklin Gehr, D.D.	Mr. Harry Hodges
Rev. Prof. J. A. W. Haas, D.D., LL.D.	Mr. William H. Hager
	Mr. J. C. Metzger
Rev. J. Henry Harms, D.D.	Mr. W. Russell Miller
Rev. I. Chantry Hoffman, D.D.	Mr. Oscar C. Schmidt
Rev. W. L. Hunton, Ph.D., D.D.	Mr. Jas. M. Snyder
Rev. Prof. H. E. Jacobs, D.D., LL.D., S.T.D.	J. F. Trexler, M.D.
Rev. W. D. C. Keiter, D.D.	
Rev. J. C. Kunzmann, D.D.	
Rev. James F. Lambert	
Rev. A. B. MacIntosh, D.D.	
Rev. John C. Mattes	
Rev. J. F. Ohl, Mus.D., D.D.	
Rev. E. P. Pfatteicher, Ph.D., D.D	
Rev. Gomer C. Rees, D.D.	
Rev. A. C. Schenck	
Rev. J. J. Schindel, D.D.	
Rev. Prof. J. C. Seegers, D.D.	
Rev. P. Geo. Sieger	
Rev. W. L. Stough	
Rev. Frank M. Urich	
Rev. J. H. Waidelich, D.D.	
Rev. H. A. Weller, D.D.	

II. The Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of the State of New York and Adjacent States and Countries.

Organized October 23, A. D. 1786.

Clerical.	*Lay.*
Rev. Fred. H. Bosch	Mr. August Becker
Rev. Yost Brandt	Mr. Fred. J. Greiner
Rev. Herman Brezing	Mr. E. C. Meurer
Rev. Oscar Krauch	Mr. Ernest C. Muncke
Rev. J. A. W Kirsch	Mr. Fred'k Stussy, Jr.
Rev. B. Mehrtens	Mr. Martin Wulff

III. Pittsburgh Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Organized January 15, A. D. 1845.

Clerical.	*Lay.*
Rev. G. A. Benze, D.D	Mr. J. Louis Frederick
Rev. W. E. Frey	G. F. Greiner, Esq.
Rev. B. F. Hankey	
Rev. Charles P. McLaughlin, D.D.	
Rev. John J. Myers	
Rev. G. L. Rankin	
Rev. George H. Schnur, D.D.	

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IV. Evangelical Lutheran District Synod of Ohio.
Organized July 21, A. D. 1861.

Clerical.	*Lay.*
Rev. Benj. F. Hofer	Mr. George Baker

V. Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Canada.
Organized July 21, A. D. 1861.

Clerical.	*Lay.*
Rev. O. C. D. Klaehn	Mr. Herman W. Monk
Rev. M. Voelker	Mr. Louis Peine

VI. Chicago Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.
Organized A. D. 1871; Reorganized September 24, A. D. 1896.

Clerical.	*Lay.*
Rev. Carroll J. Rockey	Mr. J. B. Franke

VII. The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of New York and New England.
Organized September 24, A. D. 1902.

Clerical.	*Lay.*
Rev. William M. Horn	Mr. Robert E. Gaskell
Rev. F. A. Kaehler, D.D.	
Rev. Hermann F. Miller	
Rev. C. D. Trexler	
Rev. S. G. Trexler, D.D.	

VIII. Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Central Canada.
Organized May 26, A. D. 1909.

Clerical.	*Lay.*
Rev. J. Maurer, D. D	Mr. J. C. Casselman

The following visitors reported their presence:

Clerical.	*Lay.*
Rev. George M. Bock	Mr. William H. Deisroth
Rev. Herbert A. Bosch	
Rev. Zenan M. Corbe	
Rev. Wm. Eckert	
Rev. Peter Fanning	
Rev. H. C. Freimuth	
Rev. P. R. Kasten	
Rev. W. W. Kramlich	
Rev. Prof. E. F. Krauss, D.D.	
Rev. H. K. Lantz	
Rev. L. Lindenstruth, D.D.	
Rev. H. C. Meyer	
Rev. Alfred Ostrom	
Rev. H. Rembe, Sr.	
Rev. H. R. Mosig	
Rev. D. A. Roth	
Rev. Frank C. Synder	
Rev. C. J. Streich	
Rev. Walter C. G. Veit	

The Convention adjourned at 3.37 P. M. with the use of the Lord's Prayer.

WILLIAM L. STOUGH, *Secretary.*

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MINUTES OF THE UNITED SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN THE SOUTH

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

Buffalo, N. Y., October 17, 1922.

The Eighteenth Biennial Convention of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South met in the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Elmwood Avenue and Ferry Street, at 2 o'clock P. M., October 17, 1922. The Convention was called to order by the President, the Rev. M. M. Kinard, Ph.D., D.D., and was opened with the use of the order for the opening of Synod. The Roll of Synods was called and the delegates were enrolled.

Roll of Synods and Delegates

United Synod of North Carolina

Clerical—The Revs. J. L .Morgan, D. D., M. L. Stairwalt, D. D., M. M. Kinard, Ph.D.,D.D., A. G. Voigt, D.D., LL.D., R. B. Peery, Ph. D., D. D., J. F. Crigler, J. C. Dietz, W. J. Finck, D. D., H. B. Schaeffer, E. H. Kohn, Ph. D.

Lay—Messrs. C. M. Efird, H. L. Mock, B. Capps, C. E. Ritzel, J. C. Sigmon, E. M. Minnick, G. F. McAllister J. A. Cline, R. G. Rhyne.

South Carolina Synod

Clerical—Revs. Drs. H. A. McCullough, M. G. G. Scherer, Geo. J. Gongaware, W. H. Greever, C. A. Freed.

Lay—Messrs. S. J. Derrick, LL. D., B. B. Hare, R. C. Counts, A. H. Kohn, E. H. Schirmer.

Virginia Synod

Clerical—The Revs. J. J. Scherer, Jr., D. D., C. W. Cassell, B. S. Brown, Jr., E. H. Copenhaver, J. H. Richard, S. C. Ballentine, J. W. Shuey.

Lay—Messrs. W. T. Stauffer, J. A. Alexander, H. L. Bonham, R. W. Kime, J. S. Etter, N. I. Kagey, H. D. Derrick.

Georgia Synod

Clerical—The Revs. W. Hoppe, D. D., W. E. Pugh.

Lay—Messrs. Wm. B. Ahlgren, J. H. Paulsen.

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Mississippi Synod

Clerical—The Rev. M. D. Huddle.

Lay—H. G. Huffman.

The President read the following report which was adopted:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

DEAR BRETHREN: By the kind favor of a merciful Father we meet in our Eighteenth Biennial Convention. As a general body we still have corporate and legal existence and are called to meet for the transaction of such business as may properly come before us.

Since our last Convention several mergers have taken place. In March, 1921, the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina and the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod merged, forming the United Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina. In March, 1922, the Virginia, Southwestern Virginia and the Holston Synod merged and formed the United Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Virginia. Our constituent synods are reduced by three and our representatives increased by six in the present body over the Convention of 1920.

July 29, 1922, the Rev. J. W. Horine, D. D., resigned as Secretary.

August 3, 1922, I appointed the Rev. C. W. Cassell Secretary to serve till the meeting of this Convention.

Matters for action by this convention will be presented through the proper boards and committees.

Since there are a number of bequests that cannot be closed or transferred just at this time, it becomes necessary to continue the existence of this body beyond the present convention now assembled.

In view of the above you will elect officers and boards as heretofore.

The Minutes of the three general bodies will again be printed with the Minutes of the United Lutheran Church in America.

This general body is subject to the call of the Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church in America at all times.

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL M. KINARD, *President.*

Buffalo, N. Y., October 17, 1922.

The report of the Executive Committee was read by the President and was adopted.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE UNITED SYNOD IN THE SOUTH

The Executive Committee would report that there are a number of bequests in favor of certain beneficiaries within the bounds of the United Synod and that said United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South is charged with the administration of the funds. There is no provision made in the several wills for a successor to the United Synod as trustee. Therefore the Executive Committee has instituted proceedings

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whereby a successor in each case may be appointed by the courts to administer the funds, or the income of the funds, as the case may be, to the proper beneficiary.

Respectfully submitted,
MICHAEL M. KINARD,
Chairman, Executive Committee.

The Treasurer read the following report, which was referred to the Auditing Committee.

REPORT OF J. D. CAPPELMANN,
Treasurer United Synod of the E. L. Church in the South
Charleston, S. C., October 12, 1922

(For next previous report see Minutes United Lutheran Church, Washington Convention, October 19-27, 1920, page 566.)

Receipts.

Aug. 13, 1919—Interest from Hotel Huffry	$80.00	
Less exchange	.10	
		$79.90
Aug. 17, 1919—Interest from Hotel Huffry, less exchange		79.90
Interest on above from savings bank from January 30, 1920, to September 1, 1920, inclusive		22.85
Interest received from Huffry Hotel Coupon Bonds, payable March 1, 1920; September 1, 1920; March 1, 1921; September 21, 1921; March 1, 1922; September 1, 1922	$1,296.00	
Less exchange	.71	
		1,295.29
September 5, 1922—Received from executor of J. F. Lown for Theological Seminary-Legacy		2,000.00
October 10, 1922—Received from executor of J. F. Lown, Legacy for Home Mission Board		500.00
For Foreign Mission Board		500.00
For Lutheran Orphan Home at Salem, Va		2,000.00
December 21, 1920—Savings bank interest	$5.38	
March 31, 1921—Savings bank interest	5.44	
September 30, 1921—Savings bank interest	1.05	
December 31, 1921—Savings bank interest	2.86	
March 30, 1922—Savings bank interest	2.90	
June 30, 1922—Savings bank interest	4.50	
		22.13
		$6,500.07

Disbursements.

August 20, 1919—To paid President Kinard expenses	$4.00
May 31, 1921—Paid Home Mission Board on share of income under Huffman will	215.00
May 31, 1921—Paid Foreign Mission Board on share of income under Huffman will	215.00
May 31, 1921—Paid Lutheran Orphan Home on share of income under Huffman will	215.00
June 6, 1922—Certified copy of will	1.00

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September 5, 1922—Paid C. M. Efird, Theological Seminary, J. F. Lown Legacy by vote of Executive Committee	$2,000.00	
July 22, 1922—Paid Foreign Mission Board on share of income under Huffman will	151.81	
July 22, 1922—Paid Home Mission Board on share of income under Huffman will	151.81	
July 22, 1922—Paid Lutheran Orphan Home on share of income under Huffman will	151.80	
		3,105.42
Balance on hand		$3,394.65

The President appointed Messrs. A. H. Kohn, J. H. Paulsen and W. B. Ahlgren on the Auditing Committee.

The Rev. Dr. C. A. Freed gave a verbal report of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension. All matters belonging to the sphere of this board have been handled by the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the United Lutheran Church.

This report was received as information.

The Revs. Drs. R. B. Perry and H. A. McCullough and Mr. R. C. Counts were appointed to nominate a Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.

The Rev. Dr. H. A. McCullough read the report of the Board of Foreign Missions. The report was received and the recommendations were considered seriatim.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

(*For the Biennium,* October 19, 1920, to *October* 17, 1922.)

Members of the Board—The following were elected by the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South during its Seventeenth (Washington) Convention, and on the nineteenth day of October, 1920: Rev. M. J. Epting, D. D.; Rev. M. M. Kinard, Ph. D., D. D.; Rev. H. A. McCullough, D. D.; Rev. W. A. Deaton, D. D.; Rev. Edward Fulenwider; Mr. H. L. Bonham; L. M. Swink, Esq., and Mr. J. E. Cooper as a member emeritus.

Officers of the Board—At its first meeting, held in St. Paul's Church, Washington, D. C., the board organized with the following officers: President, Rev. M. J. Epting, Savannah, Ga.; Secretary, Rev. H. A. McCullough, Columbia, S. C.; Treasurer, Mr. John A. Cline, Concord, N. C. The Executive Committee appointed consists of the officers and Rev. W. A. Deaton and L. M. Swink, Esq. In pursuance of the action of the United Synod at its Washington Convention (Seventeenth Biennial) the board elected as its trustee L. M. Swink, Esq.

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Meetings—Two meetings were held during the biennium, the first for the purpose of organizing and the second to adopt this report. No necessity arose for other meetings.

Memorandum—The residuary bequest of Mr. G. B. Repass, deceased, of Wytheville, Va., to be realized upon the death of his wife, consisting of the proceeds from the sale of a certain farm of one hundred and thirteen acres, situated about two miles northwest of Wytheville, Va. (not "Wytheville, Pa.," as erroneously printed in the Minutes of the 1920 Convention, U. L. C., page 570), after four specific bequests aggregating $9,500 have been provided for out of the proceeds, remains status in quo Washington Convention, as Mrs. Repass is still living and no further efforts, so far as the board has been informed, have been made to effect a settlement of the estate prior to her death.

Recommendations.

1. That the United Synod in the South authorize and empower the board to appoint a trustee to act for and in the name of the board in cases required by legal exigencies.

2. That the members of the Board of Foreign Missions be selected from as restricted territory as possible in order to facilitate its operations, since the board has no money with which to defray expenses incident to its meetings.

In memoriam.—Mr. J. E. Cooper. Your board begs the privilege of paying tribute to the worth and work and memory of the prominent layman and faithful colaborer in the cause of foreign missions, whose name occurs above, and who entered into rest March 26, 1922. Mr. Cooper was a member of the Board of Missions and Church Extension from 1895 to 1908 and a most active member of the Board of Foreign Missions from 1898 to 1916. For four years following he was incapacitated physically for activities of any kind. In 1920 he was elected a member emeritus in recognition of his long and faithful service for the Master.

Mr. Cooper was the man indispensable during the administration of the now sainted President Holland. He was a wise counselor and a generous supporter of the work of the board, loyal to the utmost and faithful in every situation. During the succeeding administration his zeal did not abate and his interest and efforts did not diminish until infirmity came upon him with such overpowering severity as to bring an end to active labor in behalf of missions. Two noteworthy instances of liberality, publicity of which has been withheld by the board in deference to his own wishes, mark Mr. Cooper as the outstanding layman in connection with our foreign mission operations in Japan. In the same spirit of modesty and self-forgetful love and sacrifice he proved himself a tower of strength in his local congregation and gave liberal support to the educational and eleemosynary institutions of the United Synod. Nor was his interest in home missions less ardent or his support less generous. He realized fully the importance of strengthening the home base for the sake of saving souls and

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building up the kingdom of God in the homeland and as a stronger and more effective means for sending the Gospel to the non-Christian peoples of earth. Before departing this life Mr. Cooper made large provision in his will for the foreign mission work, jointly with that of home missions, through the conversion of certain realty. "The memory of the just is blessed." "Being dead, he yet speaketh."

Respectfully submitted,

M. J. EPTING,
M. M. KINARD,
H. A. MCCULLOUGH,
W. A. DEATON,
EDWARD FULENWIDER,
H. L. BONHAM,
L. M. SWINK.

Item one was referred to the Executive Committee in conference with the Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church. Item two was adopted. The report was adopted as a whole.

The Committee to nominate members of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension reported the names of the Revs. C. A. Freed, D. D., C. K. Bell, D. D., J. F. Crigler, A. D. R. Hancher, Messrs. A. H. Kohn, John Kellenberger and D. F. Efird. The report was adopted and these brethren were declared elected.

The President appointed Prof. S. J. Derrick, Prof. H. L. Mock and B. Capps to nominate Foreign Mission Board.

The Auditing Committee rendered the following report, which was adopted:

The undersigned appointed committee to audit the account of Jno. D. Cappelmann, Treasurer, as made at the Washington meeting of this body (see Minutes United Lutheran Church, Washington Convention, October 19-27, 1920, page 566), beg to report that we have examined the same and find all disbursements properly vouched.

We further report that we have also examined the report made at this session of the Synod at Buffalo, showing balance of $3,394.65 and find the same correct and all disbursements properly vouched, and recommend that the Synod pay his expenses for attendance upon this meeting and instruct the Treasurer as to the disbursement of $3,394.65 in his hands, after payment of his expenses.

A. H. KOHN,
WM. B. AHLGREN,
J. H. PAULSEN.

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The following resolution was adopted: Resolved that the Treasurer is directed to disburse the balance of $3,394.65 after paying his expenses in attending this convention as follows:

To Lutheran Orphan Home, Salem, Va., J. F. Lown Legacy.....$2,000.00
To Foreign Mission Board, J. F. Lown Legacy..... 500.00
To Home Mission Board, J. F. Lown Legacy..... 500.00
One-third (⅓) of this balance to Lutheran Orphan Home at Salem, Va., share of income under Huffman will.
One-third (⅓) of this balance to Foreign Mission Board, share of income under Huffman will.
One-third (⅓) of this balance to Home Mission Board, share of income under Huffman will.

The Rev. Dr. A. G. Voigt offered the following resolution, which was adopted by unanimous vote: Resolved that we note with gratitude the presence of Dr. J. A. Morehead, and that we at this time cordially greet him.

Dr. Morehead arose and responded, expressing his gratitude to God for his safe return to this country and his joy because of the fellowship with the brethren.

The committee to nominate a Foreign Mission Board presented the following names: The Revs. M. J. Epting, D. D.; Wm. Hoppe, D. D.; Geo. J. Gongaware, D. D.; T. W. Shealey; D. B. Groseclose; Messrs. J. H. Paulsen and S. H. Schirmer. On motion they were elected.

By unanimous vote, Dr. A. G. Voigt was instructed to cast the ballot of the Synod for the following officers:

President.....The Rev. M. M. Kinard, Ph.D., D.D.
Vice-President.....The Rev. Wm. Hoppe, D.D.
Secretary.....The Rev. C. W. Cassell
Treasurer.....The Hon. J. D. Cappleman
Statistical Secretary.....The Rev. J. D. Kinard, D.D.

On motion of the Rev. Geo. J. Gongaware, D. D., the following resolution was passed by unanimous vote, and the Secretary was instructed to send the same to President Knubel:

Resolved, That we have heard with profound regret of the illness of the President of our United Lutheran Church, the Rev. F. H. Knubel, D. D., LL. D., that we assure him of our fraternal sympathy and of our prayers for the early and full restoration of his health.

The President appointed the following Executive Committee:

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The Revs. J. L. Morgan,, D. D., J. J. Scherer, Jr., D. D., and Messrs. B. B. Miller and L. M. Swink.

A vote of thanks was given to the Pastor and the Church of the Redeemer for the use of the church building.

The minutes were read and approved.

On motion Synod adjourned. In closing, the order for the Closing of Synod was used, being led by the President.

C. W. CASSELL,
Secretary.

CORRECTION

On page 16, read S. R. Kepner for S. R. Kopner.

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THE SERVICE—INTRODUCTORY

WICKER PARK LUTHERAN CHURCH,
Chicago, Illinois.
Tuesday, October 21, 1924, 8 P. M.

Preparatory to the Opening of the Fourth Biennial Convention of The United Lutheran Church in America, delegates-elect from the Constituent Synods, a large number of visitors and many members of the churches of the Convention City assembled to participate in The Service, at Wicker Park Lutheran Church, Chicago, Ill., on Tuesday evening, October 21, 1924, at eight o'clock. Those who took part in The Service, the Public Confession and the administration of the Sacrament of the Altar, were the Reverends J. A. Clutz and H. A. Weller, retiring members of the Executive Board, and the President and Secretary.

The text of the sermon, which was preached by the President, was John 20:21-23; the theme, "Forgiveness of sins, the message of the Church."

FIRST MEETING

Morning Session

CONVENTION HALL, EDGEWATER BEACH HOTEL,
Chicago, Ill.
Wednesday, October 22, 8:45 A. M.

Matins were conducted by the Rev. J. L. Morgan.

The President called the Convention to order and, after the use of the Order for the Opening of Synods, declared the Fourth Convention of The United Lutheran Church in America open for business.

The President asked that by general consent the announcement of the completed list of delegates be deferred, and that the Convention proceed to business.

As a special order the President asked for the item of the

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report of the Executive Board relating to the merger of synods (III, B, 2).

The recommendation of the Executive Board in regard to this item was adopted.

The roll as corrected follows:

ROLL OF DELEGATES BY SYNODS

1. Ministerium of Pennsylvania

Organized August 15, 1748

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. H. A. Weller, D.D.	E. Clarence Miller, LL.D.
Rev. J. C. Seegers, D.D.	Prof. G. T. Ettinger, Ph.D., Litt.D.*
Rev. W. D. C. Keiter, D.D.	D. D. Fritch, M.D.
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	Mr. M. L. March
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Rev. A. B. MacIntosh, D.D.	Mr. Charles F. Mosser
Rev. J. C. Mattes	Mr. Luther R. Shearer
Rev. P. G. Sieger, D.D.	Mr. P. T. Lambach
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2. Ministerium of New York

Organized October 23, 1786

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. F. H. Bosch	Mr. G. Bohrer
Rev. T. O. Posselt	Mr. H. Kruse

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Clerical	*Lay*
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Rev. J. J. Heischmann, D.D.	Mr. F. Stuessy
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Rev. H. C. Wasmund	Mr. F. Greiner
Rev. B. Mehrtens	Mr. J. Schantz
Rev. Paul Kirsch	Mr. W. Intemann

3. United Synod of North Carolina

**Organized May 2, 1803*

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. J. L. Morgan, D.D.	Mr. James D. Heilig
Rev. A. G. Voigt, D.D., LL.D.	Mr. W L. Dixon
Rev. J. F. Crigler, D.D.	Mr. W. K. Mauney
Rev. J. C. Dietz	Hon. B. B. Miller
Rev. E. H. Kohn, Ph.D.	Mr. A. R. Rhyne
Rev. L. A. Thomas	Dr. R. W. Leiby
Rev. A. R. Beck	Prof. G. F. McAllister*
Rev W. J. Finck, D.D.	Hon. L. M. Swink
Rev. P. J. Bame	Mr. J. V. Sutton

***Date of organization of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod and Ministerium of North Carolina which, on March 2, 1921, with the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod (organized July 17, 1820) merged into the United Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina under an amended charter of the former of the two synods which merged.**

4. Maryland Synod

Organized October 11, 1820

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. J. Weidley, D.D.	Mr. W. W. Doub
Rev. W. G. Minnick	L. R. Alden, Esq.
Rev. John B. Rupley	Mr. M. P. Moller
Rev. F. R. Wagner, D.D.	Mr. A. H. Weaver
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Rev. A. R. Wentz, Ph.D., D.D.	Wm. J. Showalter, Sc.D.
Rev. J. L. Hoffman	Mr. M. H. Buehler

5. Synod of South Carolina

Organized January 14, 1824

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. H. J. Black, D.D.	Prof. S. J. Derrick, LL.D.
Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D.D.	Hon. C. M. Efird
Rev. C. A. Freed, D.D.	Mr. R. C. Counts
Rev. H. A. McCullough, D.D.	Geo. B. Cromer, LL.D.
Rev. W. H. Greever, D.D.	Mr. H. B. Snyder
Rev. P. D. Brown	Mr. F. W. Seegers

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6. Synod of West Pennsylvania

Organized September 5, 1825

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. Geo. W. Nicely, D.D	Geo. E. Neff, Esq.
Rev. H. B. Stock D.D.	Mr. W. L. Gladfelter
Rev. Geo. E. Bowersox	Mr. P. A. Elsesser
Rev. G. A. Getty, D.D.	Hon. E. P. Miller
Rev. L. B. Wolf, D.D.	Mr. W. H. Menges
Rev. A. R. Steck, D.D.	Mr. A. R. Nissley
Rev. Henry Anstadt, D.D.	Mr. Alexander Diehl
Rev. S. L. Hench	Mr. I. L. Taylor
Rev. W. A. Kump	Mr. Geo. W. Hafer

7. Synod of Virginia

**Organized August 10, 1829*

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. C. Brown Cox, D.D.	Hon. R. W. Kime
Rev. J. J. Scherer, Jr., D.D.	W. T. Stauffer, Esq.
Rev. R. H. Anderson	Hon. H. L. Bonham
Rev. J. Luther Sieber, D.D.	Mr. Harry E. Pugh
Rev. Geo. H. Rhodes	Mr. A. D. Smith
Rev. J. A. Huffard, D.D.	Mr. Harry L. Snyder
Rev. C. L. Miller, D.D.	Mr. E. L. Keiser

***Date of organization of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod and Ministerium of Virginia which, on March 17, 1922, with the Evangelical Lutheran Synod and Ministerium of Southwestern Virginia (composed of the former Evangelical Lutheran Synod and Ministerium of S. W. Va., organized September 20, 1842, and the Evangelical Lutheran Holston Synod, organized September 29, 1860), merged into the United Lutheran Synod of Virginia.**

8. Ohio Synod

**Organized November 7, 1836*

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. Paul W. Koller, D.D.	Mr. I. F. Mellinger
Rev. R. E. Tulloss, Ph.D., D.D.	Hon. John L. Zimmerman, LL.D.
Rev. A. H. Smith, D.D.	C. G. Shatzer, Sc.D.
Rev. Jos. Sittler, D.D.	Mr. J. W. Kahler
Rev. C. E. Rice, D.D.	Mr M. W. Lutz
Rev. M. L. Wagner, D.D.	Mr. G. A. Mayer
Rev. A. O. Becker, D.D.	Mr. Ira C. Albert
Rev. E. C. Herman	Mr. C. J. Mitchel
Rev. H. C. Brillhart	Mr. C. F. Wassenberg
Rev. H. B. Ernsberger, D.D.	Mr. H. A. Sloneker
Rev. Wm. Buchholtz	Mr. Wm. H. Schaus
Rev. A. J. Hall	Mr. A. W. Ulrici
Rev. R. A. Halverstadt	Mr. R. N. Heist
Rev. Geo. W. Miley	Mr. E. J. Young
Rev. B. W. Ziegler, D.D.	Mr. J. L. Clark

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Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. F. E. Strobel	Mr. R. E. Sawyer
Rev. J. W. Kapp, D.D.	Mr. James Porter
Rev. T. B. Birch, Ph.D.	Mr. L. F. Palmer
Rev. L. H. Larimer, D.D.	Mr. F. W. Albrecht

*Date of organization of East Ohio Synod, which, on November 8, 1920, with the Synod of Miami (organized October 16, 1844), Wittenberg Synod (organized June 8, 1847) and the District Synod of Ohio (organized August 26, 1857) merged into the Synod of Ohio of the United Lutheran Church.

9. East Pennsylvania Synod

Organized May 2, 1842

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. S. Billheimer, D.D.	Dr. Croll Keller
Rev. Luther De Yoe, D.D.	Mr. George C. Baum
Rev. R. H. Stover, D.D.	Mr. A. H. Durboraw
Rev. A. Pohlman, M.D., D.D.	Mr. E. G. Hoover
Rev. E. H Delk, D.D.	Mr. Romanus Esterly
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Rev. Wm. J. Miller, Jr.	C. M. Stine, Ph.D.
Rev. G. Z. Stup	Mr. Harvey C. Miller
Rev. C. E. Rice	Mr. H. C. Smeltzer
Rev. E. E. Schantz	Mr. J. H. Brandt
Rev. J. A. Richter	Mr. J. H. Wagner
Rev. Wm. C. Ney	Mr. C. A. Good

10. Alleghany Synod

Organized September 9, 1842

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. S. N. Carpenter, D.D.	Prof. H. S. Fleck
Rev. A. J. Rudisill, D.D.	Mr. Isaac Harpster
Rev. L. P. Young, D.D.	Mr. C. Luther Lowe
Rev. Wm. I. Good	Mr. W. E. Dickey
Rev. John B. Kniseley	Mr. H. W. Thompson
Rev. M. S. Kemp, Litt.D., D.D.	Mr. S. Z. Miller
Rev. Geo. N. Lauffer, D.D.	Mr. A. J. Harter

11. Pittsburgh Synod

Organized January 15, 1845

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. E. B. Burgess, D.D.	Robbin B. Wolf, Esq.
Rev. S. G. Dornblaser, D.D.	Prof. O. F. H. Bert
Rev. C. P. MacLaughlin, D.D.	Hon. A. E. Reiber
Rev. J. J. Myers	Mr. J. W. Hunter
Rev. E. M. Gearhart, D.D.	Judge J. Frank Graff
Rev. A. J. Turkle, D.D.	Judge George A. Baldwin
Rev. A Hering	Mr. C. F. Stifel
Rev. B. F. Hankey	Hon. Chas. Young

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Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. J. B. Baker, D.D.	Mr. J. L. Frederick
Rev. G. A. Benze, D.D.	Mr. C. L. Herbster*
Rev. G. W. Englar, D.D.	Dr. H. C. Hoffman
Rev. E. A. Tappert, D.D.	Mr. C. J. Mensch*
Rev. F. W. Kohler	G. F. Greiner, Esq.
Rev. J. E. Bittle, D.D.	Mr. Peter Leemhuis
Rev. H. H. Bagger	Mr. Wm. E. Yeager
Rev. C. A. Dennig	Mr E. R. Sheldon
Rev. T. Buch	Mr. Jesse Martsolf
Rev. W. H. Hetrick, D.D.	Dr. C. E. Miller
Rev. A. P. Lentz	Mr. Peter Graff
Rev. L. J. Baker	Mr. J. A. A. Geidel
Rev. J. J. Hill, D.D.	Mr. J. M. Bash
Rev. J. I. Shaud	Mr. A. M. Hartzell

12. Indiana Synod

**Organized October 28, 1848*

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. F. A. Dressel, D.D.	Mr. A. H. Kornfeld
Rev. J. B. Gardner	Mr. J. E. Spiegel
Rev. R. H. Benting	Mr. A. G. Renau
Rev. I. W. Gernert	Mr. M. L. Zerkel
Rev. C. H. B. Lewis, D.D.	Mr. O. W. Cromer

***Date of organization of the Olive Branch Synod which, on June 24, 1920, with portions of the Chicago Synod (organized 1896), united to form the Indiana Synod of the United Lutheran Church in America.**

13. Illinois Synod

**Organized September 8, 1851*

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. J. M. Bramkamp, D.D.	Mr. C. J. Driever
Rev. J. Allen Leas, D.D.	Mr. C. W. Howe
Rev. S. P. Long, D.D.	Mr. Nels Jensen
Rev. C. J. Rockey	Mr. C. G. Swanson
Rev. E. C. Harris, D.D.	Mr. C H. Boyer
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Rev. H. D. Hoover, Ph.D. D.D.	Mr. John P. Beckman
Rev. H. Allen Leader, D.D.	Mr. Henry Denhart
Rev. F. M. Hanes	Mr. Harvey Miller
Rev. H. L. McGill, D.D.	Dr. C. R. Walser

***Date of organization of the Northern Illinois Synod which, on June 10, 1920, with the Central Illinois (organized 1862), portions of the Chicago (organized 1896) and the Southern Illinois (organized 1901) Synods, formed the Illinois Synod of the United Lutheran Church in America.**

14. Texas Synod

Organized November 10, 1851

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. E. A. Sievert	Mr. C. C. Zirjacks

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15. Susquehanna Synod of Central Pennsylvania

**Organized February 21, 1855*

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. M. S. Cressman, D.D.	Mr. Joseph Dreese
Rev. L. S. Spangler	Hon. C. L. Gramley
Rev. J. G. C. Knipple	Mr. Wm. E. Benner
Rev. W. P. Ard	Mr. W. C. Garber
Rev. O. E. Sunday	A. M. Hall, D.D.
Rev. I. S. Sassaman D.D.	Prof. G. E. Fisher, Ph.D.
Rev. B. F. Bieber	Mr. J. F. Daugherty
Rev. H. W. Miller	G. B. Reimensnyder, Esq.
Rev. F. P. Manhart, D.D.	Mr. David Wardrop

***Date of organization of the Synod of Central Pennsylvania which, on September 5, 1923, with the Susquehanna Synod (organized November 5, 1867) merged under the name of the Susquehanna Synod of Central Pennsylvania of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. The newly organized synod held its first session May 22, 1924.**

16. Mississippi Synod

Organized July 25, 1855

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. J. B. Guiney	Mr. Ed. Kreucher

17. Synod of Iowa

Organized September 3, 1855

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. C. N. Swihart, D.D.	Mr. J. L. Berger
Rev. H. Dysinger, D.D., LL.D.	Mr. J. S. Sawyer
Rev. S. M. Lesher, D.D.	Mr. L. D. Koser

18. Michigan Synod

**Organized October 27, 1855*

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. A. H. Keck	Mr. W. W. Anderson
Rev. R. D. Wheadon	Mr. J. B. Franke
Rev. H. G. Miley	Dr. H. G. Merz
Rev. L. S. Keyser, D.D.	Dr. B. F. Teters
Rev. D. R. Huber, D.D.	Mr. C. E. Baker

***Date of organization of the Northern Indiana Synod which, on June 10, 1920, with portions of the Chicago Synod (organized 1896), formed the Michigan Synod of the United Lutheran Church in America.**

19. Synod of Georgia and Adjacent States

Organized July 20, 1860

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. W. E. Pugh	Mr. H. C. Lorick*
Rev. T. W. Shealy	Mr. W. B. Clarke

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20. Synod of Canada

Organized July 21, 1861

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. O. C. D. Klaehn D.D.	Mr. Louis Peine
Rev. O. Stockmann	Mr. Wm. Peppler
	Mr. H. Pauli

21. Synod of Kansas

Organized November 5, 1868

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. R. J. Wolf	Mr. F. A. Isern
Rev. Wm. E. Wheeler, D.D.	Mr. Wm. H. Guenther
Rev. E. E. Stauffer, D.D.	Mr. E. W. Holden
Rev. J. A. McCulloch, D.D.	Mr. L. T. Bang

22. Synod of Nebraska

Organized September 1, 1871

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. W. F. Rangeler, D.D.	Mr. O. A. Keyser
Rev. C. G. Aue, D.D.	Mr. M. M. Martin
Rev. G. Dorn, A.M.	Mr. G. Hahn
Rev. K. de Freese	Mr. I. N. Augustine
Rev. R. W. Livers	Mr. E. G. Sandberg

23. Wartburg Synod

Organized 1875

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. R. Neumann, D.D.	Mr. Hermann Oertel
Rev. G. Schulz, D.D.	Mr. C. Hummel
Rev. B. Garten, D.D.	Mr. E. Mueller
Rev. E. Ortlepp, D.D.	Mr. C. Scholz
Rev. E. T. Fink	Mr. William Buslap

24. German Synod of Nebraska

Organized July 24, 1890

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. C. Goede	Mr. G. F. Beschorner
Rev. E. Walter	Mr. G. Hilzen*
Rev. O. Hausman	Mr. Carl Laseke
Rev. P. Waldschmidt	Mr. John Rohrig
Rev. R. Kuehne, D.D.	Mr. Arthur Deichman
Rev. J. Bahnsen	Mr. Carl Goll*
Rev. G. H. Michelmann	Mr. Henry Romeiser
Rev. G. Duehrkop	Mr.H. Busselman*

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25. Synod of California

Organized April 2, 1891

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. H. Gehrcke	Mr. S. F. Walck
Rev. Wm. E. Crouser, D.D.	Mr. E. A. Morrison
Rev. D. J. Snyder	Mr. W. J. Gram

26. Rocky Mountain Synod

Organized May 6, 1891

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. M. F. Troxell, D.D.	Mr. G. W. Fogelman
Rev. J. C. Jacoby, D.D.	Mr. A. F. Sittloh

27. Synod of the Northwest

Organized September 22, 1891

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. G. K. Rubrecht, D.D.	Mr. J. K. Jensen
Rev. W. P. Christy	Mr. W. E. Black
Rev. P. W. Roth, D.D.	Mr. G. Hemsing
Rev. L. W. Steckel	C. N. Hill, Esq.
Rev. J. Stump, D.D.	Mr. J. W. Jouno
Rev. A. J. Soldan	Mr. Wm. Siegmann
Rev. P. H. Roth	Mr. G. A. Kersten

28. Manitoba Synod

Organized July 16, 1897

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. G. C. Weidenhammer	
Rev. H. W. Harms	
Rev. E. Tuerkheim	

29. Pacific Synod

Organized September 26, 1901

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. A. Engeset	Mr. J. Hartman
Rev. J. C. Kunzmann, D.D.	Mr. O. J. Olsen*
Rev. W. I. Eck	Mr. H. E. Turner*

30. New York and New England Synod

Organized September 23, 1902

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. Samuel Trexler, D.D.	Mr. Wm. H. Stackel
Rev. F. A. Kahler, D.D.	Mr. Frederick Henrich
Rev. F. F. Fry, D.D.	Mr. Robert F. Bowe
Rev. H. F. Miller	Mr. H M. Ungerer
Rev. A. Steimle, D.D.	Mr. P. J. Kuhn*
Rev. Wm. M. Horn	Mr. Rodney T. Martinsen
Rev. P. E. Scherer, D.D.	Mr. C. A. Rockwell

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31. Nova Scotia Synod

Organized July 10, 1903

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. F. D. Smith	Mr. C. B. Conrad*

32. Synod of New York

Organized October 7, 1908

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. C. W. Leitzell, D.D.	Mr. C. P. Waterstreet
Rev. F. H. Knubel, D.D., LL.D.	Hon. E. F. Eilert, C.S.D.
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Rev. W. H. Stutts, D.D.	Mr. W. P. Elson
Rev. W. E. Pierce, B.D.	Dr. Herbert Yeckel
Rev. G. J. Reumann	Mr. Fred Wefer

33. Central Canada Synod

Organized November 11, 1908

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. J. Maurer, D.D.	Mr. J. C. Klaehn

34. Synod of West Virginia

Organized April 17, 1912

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. C. E. Butler	Mr. John C. Lynch
Rev. Simon Snyder	Mr. W. W. Wolfe

35. Slovak Lutheran "Zion" Synod

Organized June 10, 1919

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. Paul A. Putra	
Rev. John Body	

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* Absent.

The reports of the boards and committees as printed in the Bulletin were received.

The program printed in the Bulletin was adopted as the established order of business for the Convention.

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PROGRAM OF THE CONVENTION

The opening service will be held at Wicker Park Church, Rev. S. P. Long, D.D., pastor. Thereafter all sessions and services will be held in the large hall of the Edgewater Beach Hotel.

The Convention of the Lutheran Brotherhood precedes as usual the Convention of the Church. It begins October 20th. Special meetings of the General Synod, the General Council, and the United Synod in the South have been arranged for Tuesday afternoon, October 21st.

The offerings at all evening services will be given to the Board of Ministerial Relief.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21—Night, 8 o'clock.

The Service. President's Sermon. Sacrament of the Altar.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22—Morning, 8:45 to 12 o'clock.

1. Devotions. (Matins will be used. The Committee on Church Music will appoint those who are to conduct all devotions. A quartette from the Gettysburg Theological Seminary will always be present as a choir. The members thereof are, T. Benton Peery, Ralph C. Robinson, Felix G. Robinson, Carl R. Simon. The accompanist is J. Herbert Springer, organist of St. Matthews Church, Hanover, Pa.)
2. Formal Opening of the Convention.
3. Organization—Roll. New and Merged Synods. (See report of Executive Board, III B 2).
   Receipt of Reports as printed in the Bulletin. Order of Business. Appointment of Special Committees. General rules of procedure. Rules as to elections. (See report of Executive Board, II 3).
4. Approval of minutes of last Convention.
5. Reading of proposed amendments to the By-Laws (see report of Executive Board, II 2).
6. Reports of President and of Secretary.
7. Election of the President and of the Secretary.
8. Treasurer's Report, with Audit.
9. Election of the Treasurer.
10. Report of the Executive Board.
    Includes action on resolutions concerning Dr. Tressler; constitutional amendments; eligibility of synodical presidents as members of the Executive Board; time for biennial conventions and for meetings of synods; fiscal year; visitation of

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synods by secretaries; reports of membership by synods; Pacific Theological Seminary; educational co-operation; next convention; combination of boards; port work; home mission co-operation; campaign by Board of Ministerial Relief; change of title for that Board; external relation of Parish and Church-School Board; co-ordination of that Board with Common Service Book Committee; annual booklet; every member canvass; budget for 1926-7; plan for 100 per cent apportionment; special appropriations of the convention; uniform division of synodical and United Lutheran Church in America apportionment funds; payments for boards; offerings of the convention; Lutheran World Convention; agreement with Church in Czecho-Slovakia; students from Europe; Federal Council; Y. M. C. A.; Conferences on Faith and Order and on Life and Work; Commission on theological education; offices of president and secretary.

(After the close of the morning session the chairmen of synodical delegations must secure ballots in the voting room for those elections which are to be held this afternoon. Each chairman will distribute the ballots to his delegation).

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22—Afternoon, 2 to 5 o'clock.

1. Reports of Nominating Committees as to members of the Executive Board, of the Commission of Adjudication, of the Church Paper Committee, and of the Executive Committee of the Laymen's Movement.
2. Continuation of action on the Executive Board's report.
3. At 4 o'clock—Report of the Laymen's Movement (including several addresses by laymen).

(Immediately after the close of the session, the election is to take place for membership on the Executive Board, the Commission of Adjudication, the Church Paper Committee, and the Executive Committee of the Laymen's Movement. Each delegate must deposit his own ballot, giving his name to the tellers. Polls will close at 7 o'clock).

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22—Evening, 6 o'clock.

Banquet for all laymen arranged by the Laymen's Movement.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23—Morning, 8:45 to 12 o'clock.

1. Devotions.
2. Minutes.
3. Report of tellers upon Wednesday afternoon's elections.

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4. Action upon proposed amendments to the By-Laws.
5. Continuation of action on the Executive Board's report.

(In connection with the statements concerning the Lutheran World Convention, an address will be made at 11 o'clock by the Rev. J. A. Morehead, D.D., LL.D., chairman of the Executive Committee of that Convention).

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23—Afternoon, 2 to 5 o'clock.

1. Representatives and General Resolutions (as arranged by the Committee on Reference and Counsel for this place and for stated places on following days).
2. Continuation of action on the Executive Board's report.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23—Night, 8 o'clock.

Three addresses upon the theme, "The Lutheran Church in American History."

1. "In the Foundations of America." (Noting the 300th anniversary of first Lutheran services in New York). Prof. A. R. Wentz, Ph.D., D.D.
2. "In Colonial Times." (Noting the 175th anniversary of the Pennsylvania Ministerium). Rev. H. A. Weller, D.D.
3. "Since the Establishment of the United States of America." (Noting the 100th anniversary of the South Carolina Synod). Prof. S. J. Derrick, LL.D.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24—Morning, 8:45 to 12 o'clock.

1. Devotions.
2. Minutes.
3. Continuation of action on the Executive Board's report.
4. At 10:30—Report of the Commission of Adjudication.
5. Report of the Church Paper Committee.
6. Report of the Board of Foreign Missions.

(After the close of the morning session the chairmen of delegations must secure ballots for this afternoon's election).

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24—Afternoon, 2 to 4:30 o'clock.

1. Representatives and General Resolutions.
2. Report of Nominating Committee for this afternoon's elections.
3. Continuation of action on the Foreign Mission Board's report.

(Adjournment at 4:30 for the election of members to all Boards and elective Committees not included in the Wednesday elections. Polls will close at 7 o'clock).

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24—Night, 8 o'clock.

Two addresses upon the theme, "Religion in Education."

The Civic Aspect—The Hon. J. A. O. Preus, Governor of Minnesota.

The Church Aspect—Rev. J. A. W. Haas, D.D., LL.D., President of Muhlenberg College.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25—Morning, 8:45 to 12 o'clock.

1. Devotions.
2. Minutes.
3. Report of tellers upon Friday afternoon's elections.
4. Report of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.
5. If there be time remaining, this afternoon's program will be taken up.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25—Afternoon, 2 to 5 o'clock.

1. Representatives and General Resolutions.
2. Report of the Board of Northwestern Missions.
3. Report of the Board of Immigrants Missions.
4. Report of the Board of West Indies Missions.
5. Report of the Jewish Mission Committee.
6. Report of the Committee on Evangelism.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25—Night, 8 o'clock.

Addresses on "Our Allies in Foreign Work."

Augustana Synod—President G. A. Brandelle, D.D.
United Danish Synod—Rev. V. W. Bondo, D.D.
Icelandic Synod—Rev. S. O. Thorlaksson.
Women's Missionary Society—Mrs. Syndney Kepner.
Indian Lutheran Church—Mr. Manikam.
Japan Lutheran Church—Mr. K. Hirai.
Liberia Lutheran Church—Mr. John Ziegler.
South America and China—Rev. L. B. Wolf, D.D.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26.

Special services in the Chicago churches, as arranged and announced by the Chicago committee. In the afternoon at 3 o'clock Unity Lutheran Church Girls' Home will be dedicated. Unity Lutheran Church is near the Edgewater Beach Hotel. The service is arranged by the pastor of that congregation, Rev. D. A. Davy, D.D., and Secretary W. Freas of the Inner Mission Board.

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 27—Morning, 8:45 to 12 o'clock.

1. Devotions.
2. Minutes.
3. Report of the Board of Education.

(In connection with the report special addresses will be made on a Woman's College by Rev. J. H. Harms, D.D., and on University Student Work by Rev. H. R. Gold).

4. At 10:45—Report of the Parish and Church-School Board.
5. At 11:30—Report of the Committee on Boys' Work.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27—Afternoon, 2 to 5 o'clock.

1. Representatives and General Resolutions.
2. Report of the Board of Publication.
3. Report of the Committee on Common Service Book.
4. Report of the Committee on Church Music.

(In connection with the report an address will be made by the Rev. G. C. Rees, D.D., on the 400th anniversary of the first Protestant hymnal).

5. Report of the Committee on Statistics and Church Year Book (including reports of the Statistical Secretary and of the Editor of the Year Book).
6. Report of the Committee on Publicity.
7. Unfinished Business.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27—Night, 8 o'clock.

Home Mission Talks on Present-Day Opportunities.
In Florida and the Southland—Rev. W. E. Pugh, D.D.
In Canada's Prairie Provinces—Rev. G. C. Weidenhammer.
In Our Growing Cities—Rev. James Berg.

Illustrated Talk on Achievements and Possibilities—Rev. J. S. Herold.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28—Morning, 8:45 to 12 o'clock.

1. Devotions.
2. Minutes.
3. Report of the Board of Inner Missions, with Inner Mission Institutions.
4. Report of the National Lutheran Home for the Aged.
5. At 10:20—Report of the Board of Deaconess Work.
6. At 11:10—Report of the Board of Ministerial Relief.

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28—Afternoon, 2 to 5 o'clock.

1. Representatives and General Resolutions.
2. Conclusion of the morning's program.
3. At 2:45—Report of the Committee on Moral and Social Welfare.
4. At 3:45—Report of the Committee on President's Report.
5. Report of Committee on Memorials from Constituent Synods.

TUESDAY, OCTOBTR 28—Night, 8 o'clock.

Address: "Spirituality and Morality—How Related."—Rev. E. P. Pfatteicher, Ph.D., D.D.

Address: "Seventy-five Years of American Deaconess Service."—Rev. G. A. Getty, D.D.

WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29 and 30.

Sessions at the regular hours, morning, afternoon, and night, continuing so as to cover the following items:

1. Report of Commissioners to the National Lutheran Council, addresses by the chairman, President H. A. Weller, D.D., and by Commissioner C. T. Benze, D.D.
2. Report of Committee on Lutheran Brotherhood. Hearing of representative of the Brotherhood.
3. Report of Committee on Women's Work. Hearing of representative of the Women's Missionary Society.
4. Report of Committee on Associations. Hearing of representative of th Luther League of America.
5. Report of Committee on Necrology.
6. Report of Committee on Church Architecture.
7. Report of Committee on Army and Navy Work. Address by Chaplain John Hall, representing the Chief of Chaplains' Office in Washington.
8. Report of Committee on Special Linguistic Interests.
9. Report of Committee on Transportation.
10. Report of Representative to American Bible Society.
11. Report of the Archivist.
12. Report of the Church Paper Committee, as newly constituted by the election.
13. Report of the Lutheran Historical Society.
14. Report of the Lutheran Church Book and Literature Society.
15. Report of the Committee on Leave of Absence.
16. Unfinished Business.
17. General Business.
18. Printing of Minutes.
19. The next Convention.
20. Appointment of Standing Committees.
21. Final Minutes.
22. Formal close of the Convention.

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The President appointed the following special committees:

Committee of Reference and Counsel

This Committee is appointed to consider all general resolutions before they are submitted to the Convention; to arrange with the President for the hearing of representatives sent to the Convention; generally to assist the President in the daily program.

Rev. R. E. Tulloss, Chm.
Rev. A. T. W. Steinhaeuser
Rev. G. A. Bierdemann
Rev. A. R. Steck
Rev. G. Z. Stup
Rev. J. J. Myers
Rev. J. Allen Leas
Rev. R. J. Wolf
Rev. A. Engeset
Rev. L. W. Steckel
Dr. R. Moldenke
Hon. B. B. Miller
L. R. Alden, Esq.
W. T. Stauffer, Esq.
Judge J. Frank Graff
Mr. A. F. Sittloh
Mr. W. E. Black
Mr. John C. Lynch
Dr. Herbert Yeckel
Mr. I. N. Augustine

Committee on President's Report

Rev. P. W. Roth, Chm.
Rev. W. C. Schaeffer
Rev. S. Von Bosse
Rev. F. R. Wagner
Rev. H. C. Brillhart
Rev. G. N. Lauffer
Rev. O. Stockmann
Rev. E. Tuerkheim
Rev. C. E. Butler
Rev. A. S. Hardy
Rev. R. Neumann
Capt. H. M. M. Richards
Dr. W. J. Showalter
Mr. J. W. Kahler
Prof. A. J. Harter
Mr. Nels Jensen
Mr. J. B. Franke
Mr. R. T. Martinsen

Committee to Nominate Executive Committee of Laymen's Movement No. 1

Rev. A. J. Rudisill, Chm.
Rev. S. M. Lesher
Rev. B. Garten
Mr. I. F. Mellinger
G. B. Reimensnyder, Esq.
Mr. Louis Peine
Mr. J. Hartman

Committee to Nominate Members of Executive Board, Commission of Adjudication and Church Paper Committee No. 2

Rev. A. Steimle, Chm.
Rev. G. F. Gehr
Rev. B. Mehrtens
Rev. J. C. Bowers
Rev. H. A. McCullough
Rev. H. B. Stock
Rev. L. H. Larimer
Rev. C. J. Rockey
Rev. J. F. Crigler
Mr. A. Raymond Bard
Mr. J. W. Jouno
Mr. W. J. Gram
Mr. G. F. Beschorner
Prof. O. F. H. Bert
Prof. H. S. Fleck
Dr. Croll Keller
Hon. H. L. Bonham
Mr. J. C. Klaehn

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Committee to Nominate Members of All Other Boards No. 3

Rev. J. J. Scherer, Jr., Chm.
Rev. J. W. Kapp
Rev. E. H. Delk
Rev. E. A. Tappert
Rev. F. A. Dressel
Rev. W. E. Pugh
Rev. F. E. Oberlander
Rev. G. Gebert
Rev. L. S. Keyser
Mr. M. Wulff
Hon. L. M. Swink
Mr. F. W. Kakel
Mr. R. C. Counts
Mr. W. H. Menges
Mr. C. W. Howe
Dr. H. G. Merz
Mr. R. F. Bowe
Mr. F. W. Wefer

Committee on Devotional Services

The Standing Committee on Church Music. Its duties being to name and secure men to conduct opening and closing devotions at the several sessions of the Convention.

Committee on Leave of Absence

Rev. A. J. Traver, Chm.
Rev. J. H. Waidelich
Rev. W. J. Finck
Rev. P. D. Brown
Rev. E. A. Sievert
Rev. J. B. Guiney
Rev. D. J. Snyder
Rev. P. A. Putra
Rev. E. Walter
Mr. I. L. Taylor
Mr. A. G. Renau
Mr. J. L. Berger
Mr. W. B. Clarke
Mr. C. H. Wilsnack
Mr. John P. Beckman

Committee on Memorials From Constituent Synods

Rev. F. P. Manhart, Chm.
Rev. A. B. MacIntosh
Rev. T. O. Posselt
Rev. G. H. Rhodes
Rev. A. Hering
Rev. M. S. Cressman
Rev. C. G. Aue
Rev. G. H. Michelmann
Rev. M. F. Troxell
Rev. J. Maurer
Hon. J. L. Zimmerman
Dr. J. F. Trexler
Mr. P. A. Elsesser
Mr. A. H. Durboraw
Hon. A. E. Reiber
Hon. C. L. Gramley
Mr. W. H. Stackel
Mr. Henry Streibert
Mr. O. W. Cromer

Tellers of Ballots for President and for Secretary and for Wednesday Afternoon's Election

Mr. P. P. Hagan, Chm.
Mr. Harry E. Pugh
Mr. F. D. Bittner
Mr. A. H. Weaver
Mr. A. R. Nissley
Mr. G. A. Mayer
Mr. J. E. Miller
Mr. H. M. Thompson
Mr. A. H. Kornfeld
Mr. C. C. Zirjacks
Mr. L. D. Koser
Mr. Wm. Peppler
Mr. A. O. Keyser
Mr. Arthur Deichmann
Mr. H. Brandes
Mr. G. C. Baum

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Tellers of Ballots for Treasurer and for Friday Afternoon's Election

Mr. G. Hemsing, Chm.
Mr. F. Stuessy
Mr. H. A. Sloneker
Dr. H. C. Hoffman
Mr. Wm. E. Benner
Mr. A. R. Rhyne
Mr. R. C. Counts
Mr. Romanus Esterly
Mr. E. L. Keiser
Mr. Ed. Kreucher
Mr. Wm. H. Guenther
Mr. Hermann Oertel
Mr. E. A. Morrison
Mr. G. W. Fogelman
Mr. C. A. Rockwell
Mr. H. Greenwald
Mr. D. F. Yost
Mr. F. W. Seegers
Mr. W. B. Clarke
Mr. J. V. Sutton

It was moved and carried, That all general resolutions shall be submitted to the Convention through the Committee of Reference and Counsel, and that applications for the presentation of causes and of greetings take the same course.

It was moved and carried, That the privilege of the floor be given to members of the Executive Board, members of the Commission of Adjudication and the officers of all other Boards, when their reports are under consideration, even though they be not delegates to the Convention.

It was moved and carried, That the reports as printed be not read, but that an opportunity be given to the officers of boards and committees to explain and emphasize important items in their reports at the proper time; the length of such presentations not to exceed one half hour.

It was moved and carried, That in debate speeches shall not exceed five minutes in length.

At this point the Chairman of the Committee of Reference and Counsel introduced the Rev. Clyde F. Armitage who, upon being recognized, said, "Mr. President, it gives me great pleasure as representing the Near East Relief to present to you this gavel, which is made from the heart of an olive tree by the boys of our Orphan Training School, just across the street from where, tradition says, Jesus as a boy learned to push the plane and drive the saw."

The President accepted the gavel with thanks, on behalf of the United Lutheran Church, to Mr. Armitage, the Near East Relief and the boys of the Training School referred to.

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Following the order of business, the item of the Executive Board's report concerning nominations and elections (II, 3) was taken up. On motion to adopt sub-item a., the President ruled that it would be necessary first to rescind the ruling concerning ad interim elections adopted at Washington.

It was moved and carried, That the ruling referred to be rescinded.

Thereupon, sub-item a. was adopted.

Sub-items b., c., d., e. and f. adopted.

The item of the Executive Board's report concerning Minutes (II, 1) was received as information.

In connection with this item a printed copy of the Minutes of the Buffalo Convention, certified by the Secretary and attested by the President, was submitted and approved. The President thereupon declared it to be the official record of the proceedings of the Third Biennial Convention of the United Lutheran Church.

The item of the Executive Board's report concerning the revision of the Constitution and By-Laws (II, 2), being the next order, the Secertary read Article IX, Section 1 of the Constitution of The United Lutheran Church in America and the proposed amendment thereto.

It was moved and carried, by unanimous vote, That the proposed amendment to Section 1 of Article IX be submitted to the Synods in the form presented by the Executive Board.

Amendments to certain sections of the By-Laws (see report of the Executive Board, II, 2) were then presented to be acted upon tomorrow.

At this point the President announced that he had received a letter of greetings to the Convention from the President of the United States of America. The Convention rose and stood while the President read these greetings as follows:

October 16, 1924.

To the President,
United Lutheran Church in America in Convention
Assembled at Chicago:

I extend my greetings to the fourth biennial convention of The United Lutheran Church in America.

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Made up in such large degree of the descendants of that sturdy Lutheran stock which played such an important part in the development of the colonies and in the success of the Revolutionary War, the United Lutheran Church has a proud heritage.

As I study the three great movements of humanity into the American colonies, the Puritans into New England, the Lutherans and Quakers into Pennsylvania, and the cavaliers into Virginia, and examine the history of their amalgamation in blood and unity in spirit, I realize that this amalgamation and union form one of the foundations of America's greatness.

Muhlenberg and his men from Pennsylvania and the Lutheran soldiers from western Maryland, the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia, western North Carolina and South Carolina made glorious history for the patriot cause during the Revolutionary War. Their descendants, spreading out over the Mississippi Valley, had a leading role in the development of that great granary of the world.

During the Civil War, such organizations as the Iron Brigade were on every battlefield upholding the unity of the States.

It is little wonder that with such traditions to inspire their sons and grandsons, six per cent of the Lutherans in America were in the service of their country during the World War, as compared with four per cent for the general population.

The sons of Scandinavia who have come to America in more recent times have shown the same sturdy spirit and represent a contribution of vast value to the human assets of our country's future.

I am happy to recognize that the United Lutheran Church and its related bodies, all partaking of the Americanism implanted in their ancestry and traditions, are nurturing the same in the hearts of those of their faith who now leave Europe and cast their fortunes with our people.

(Signed) CALVIN COOLIDGE.

After the reading the Convention sang the first stanza of "America." Thereupon the Rev. Prof. C. M. Jacobs offered the following resolution:

"The United Lutheran Church in America gratefully acknowledges the greetings of the President of the United States. Planted in this land in colonial days, and growing with the development of the nation, the Lutheran Church in America has stood, and still stands, for the principle of the separation of Church and State. Living under a government to which that principle is fundamental, it holds and teaches that loyalty to civil government is a Christian duty, and that to fail in that duty is to sin against God. It also holds and teaches that the only true ideals,

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for individuals and for nations, are those which be derived from the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and that a Church, separate from the State, which preaches Christ and the Christian way of life, is the strongest support of national existence and the surest guide to true national greatness; and it rejoices when this truth is recognized.

"The United Lutheran Church in America prays that the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ may bless the President of the United States, and that He may guide the nation, by His Spirit into the ways of service and into paths of peace."

The resolution was adopted by a rising vote and was forwarded by telegram to President Coolidge.

The President read a telegram from Count de Pourtales conveying greetings from the French Lutheran Church. Also a letter of greetings from the Rev. N. Astrup Larsen, President of the General Council of the Lutheran Church of China conveying the greetings of that body to The United Lutheran Church in America:

Paris, October 20, 1924.

Knubel, Lutheran Convention,
Edgewater Beach Hotel,
Chicago, Ill.

French Lutheran Church sends greetings, thanks, best wishes.

POURTALES.

Kikungshan, Honan, China.
May 21, 1924.

Rev. F. H. Knubel, D.D., LL.D.,
President, United Lutheran Church,
437 Fifth Avenue,
New York, U. S. A.

Dear Doctor Knubel:—

The recent (2d) General Assembly of the Lutheran Church of China has instructed me to send a cordial greeting to The United Lutheran Church in America.

The Chung Hwa Sin I Hwei (the Lutheran Church of China) is still a small organization and in its infancy. But we have a tremendous field and great tasks confront us. It is therefore with rejoicing we have heard that the strong United Lutheran Church in America has decided to enter the China field. We hope we may soon be privileged to welcome the

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Mission of the United Church into full membership in the Chung Hwa Sin I Hwei.

The churches which in 1920 organized the Lutheran Church of China are those founded by the Norwegian Missionary Society, the Finnish Missionary Society, the Church of Sweden Mission, the Norwegian Lutheran Church of America (Lutheran United Mission), and the Augustana Synod Mission. At this year's General Assembly the churches of the Lutheran Board of Missions (Norwegian Lutheran Free Church in America) and the Breklum Mission were received into membership.

The Breklum Mission is the southernmost Lutheran mission in China. In South China we also have the old and strong Berlin and Basel Missions. There is good reason to believe that the Berlin Mission, at least, will link up with the Chung Hwa Sin I Hwei. From the field of the Berlin Mission it is not very far to the field of the Norwegian Missionary Society. And going on northward through Huan, Hupeh, and Honan, one comes to the fields of the various synods constituting the Chung Hwa Sin I Hwei. When the United Church takes up its work in Shantung, we trust you will from the start, be with us in the Chung Hwa Sin I Hwei thus making it much more probable that the Lutherans shall be able to make their distinctive contribution to the future Christian life of China. With the Lutherans in Shantung an integral part of the Lutheran Church of China, we shall also feel that we are a long step nearer the strong Danish Lutheran Mission in Manchuria, from which we are already drawing students to our theological seminary at Shekow, near Hankow.

With sincere greetings, and with an earnest prayer that the United Church may be privileged to do a great and blessed work in China, I am,

Faithfully yours,

N. Astrup Larsen.

It was moved and carried, That proper responses be made to these greetings.

The President submitted his report to the Convention as follows:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It is no repetition of vain words when this report like previous ones records personal heartfelt thankfulness to God and to the membership of the Church. It would seem as though the Lord's sustaining and guiding grace has been greater than ever. As regards the entire Church, the past biennium has marked even greater help to the officers than previous ones.

Four years ago, at the convention of 1920, it was a sad necessity that the president's report include statement of the death of the Rev. Dr. T. E.

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Schmauk, who had been president of the General Council. There is similar and double sadness to record in this report. During the last biennium the Rev. Dr. V. G. A. Tressler and the Rev. Dr. M. M. Kinard died. The former was president of the General Synod when the merger of the three general bodies took place in 1918. The latter became president of the United Synod in the South immediately after the merger convention. While our Necrological Committee will give fitting recognition to them, recommendation is hereby made that in the devotions which close the session when this report is made we include special memorial thought of these leaders among us.

There is no difficulty in making report as to the work of the president, which the by-laws require, since only a brief statement is required. It is naturally a necessity that he shall keep himself acquainted with all activities within the Church and with tendencies, both religious and otherwise, without our own Church. This involves constant and sometimes burdensome reading of reports and minutes and current literature of all kinds from many parts of the world. A determined effort is made to keep informed.

Helpful contacts are maintained with individuals and movements outside of the Church, without surrender of too large an amount of time to the same.

Every effort is made that our constitution and by-laws, along with all declarations and resolutions, shall be observed throughout the Church. It is here above all that the loyal spirit of our membership is pronouncedly manifest. The clear desire of all is only to understand aright.

Through ex-officio membership in all of the Church's agencies and through relationship with the officials of Constituent Synods it is possible to exercise advisory help in many directions. The possibility of such advice to any agency arises simply from the contacts with all of the others.

All executive and initiative plans are carried on in constant and close conference with the other officers and members of the Executive Board. This policy, undertaken in the first biennium, has been consistently followed. As a consequence the largest part of the president's activities finds report through the report of that Board.

The above generalized statements, with the travels and correspondence and conferences involved therein, cover the work of the president. Only a few special items remain to be mentioned.

The required committees for the biennium were appointed and are listed in the minutes of the 1922 convention, pages 524 to 527. The only resignation from these committees during the biennium was that of Mr. W. H. Stackel from the Committee on Evangelism. In Dr. Tressler's place as a commissioner to the National Lutheran Council the Rev. Dr. P. W. Koller was appointed. The Rev. Dr. J. M. Bramkamp was appointed as an additional member to the Transportation Committee.

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Two noted Lutheran visitors came to America during the biennium, Bishop H. Ostenfeld, Primus of Denmark, and Archbishop N. Soderblom of Sweden. They were officially welcomed on behalf of The United Lutheran Church in America.

In closing this portion of the report, it is desirable that we remind ourselves of the high importance of the 400th anniversary of the presentation of the Augsburg Confession in 1530. It is the primary and fundamental Protestant confession of faith. There are many conditions at the present time affecting humanity in general and Roman Catholicism and Protestantism and Greek Catholicism, which make desirable a prominent recognition of the anniversary. I recommend that either the Executive Board or a special committee be instructed to consider this matter and be empowered to proceed with plans.

The by-laws further require that the president shall in his report summarize the general situation of the Church. In previous biennial reports this has been done through an effort to portray general world conditions and the general religious situation, to point out the consequent obligation of the Church, and thus to ascertain our own situation by an estimate of the degree in which we were measuring up to the Church's obligation. That form of presentation was naturally somewhat theoretical in character, although it led to practical considerations which have more or less influenced our actual procedure. If for no other reason than the idea of a change in method, it seems worth while in this report to proceed at once to a practical estimate of the situation of the United Lutheran Church in America today, aiming to avoid both boastfulness and depreciation.

As a plain fact we may easily recognize that the Lutheran Church here in America receives at present far more public recognition and respect than was true in the past. Of this the United Lutheran Church in America has a generous share. It is no longer true that a man must explain to his neighbor that a Lutheran Church exists. There was a time when here one might speak emphatically of the lackluster of Lutheranism. Such is not the case now. Some of us believe that quality to inhere in Lutheranism and do not wish it to be altogether lost. However that may be, we can rightly be thankful that our wider reputation includes the fact of our fidelity to evangelical faith. Let us hope it is also because of our works and that they may always be known to be founded in Christian love. Above all, as our strength brings us public recognition, let us soberly ask ourselves whether we can stand becoming public and strong. It is recorded of a certain one, "His name spread far abroad; for he was marvelously helped, till he was strong. But when he was strong, his heart was lifted up to his destruction."

There are further encouraging facts to be noted in our situation. People are hearing the noise of our operations more widely because we have been

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working more intensely and more determinedly. Six years of test as to our organization have revealed its admirable adaptedness to the work to be done. Likewise the various parts are more fully grooved to their functions. Let us briefly make note of both items, the organization as a whole and the functioning of the individual parts.

As regards the first it is truly wonderful that so harmonious, well understood and well merged an organization has developed and continues to develop, especially when one considers our youth, the size and spread of the Church, and the fact that three previous General Bodies united in each of which different methods of operation existed. It is only the grace of patience with one another and the readiness for concession in unessential things which have brought about the result. Many discussions as to changes in our methods and organization continue to be heard. These are good, so long as the weightier matters of the Church's life are not interfered with. Furthermore, the time has now come when we must be on our guard against the two extremes of traditionalism and radicalism when changes are proposed. A method of operation is not necessarily good for us today just because it has existed in the long past or because other Christian groups use it. On the other hand radical overturnings in organization are not to be accepted just because a fine theory seems to commend them. Our surest test as to the value of changes will always be the question as to whether or not they will help in the production of ideal working congregations. All Christian organizations must concentrate upon these units. The Church must be made strong in the thousands of communities, otherwise it is not strong at all.

The entire item as to the organization in the previous paragraph cannot be passed by without mention of a cause for great thankfulness in that we are free from the baneful influence of what is commonly known as ecclesiastical politics.

Turning now to the individual parts of the organization we can recognize the generally satisfactory situation in our constituent synods. Here there exists conscious effort at improvement. Each one knows and acknowledges its shortcomings, and has the will for better things. The number of strongly efficient synods is constantly increasing. Supervisory helpfulness to congregations is practised more and more. Synodical officials are prayerfully seeking to fulfill what they now all know is their great responsibility. It is to be believed that the biennial conferences of synodical presidents have contributed something of value.

Our Church's boards and committees and auxiliary organizations for men and women and young people constitute the established forces for the promotion of evangelistic, educational, and merciful endeavor. When we contemplate these three general divisions of our work, every thoughtful observer is compelled to acknowledge that while we may feel reasonable satisfaction with the situation as to our evangelistic or missionary endeavor,

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we cannot do the same as to our educational or merciful operations. This implies no idea of criticism of special agencies. It is the failure of the Church as a whole, and includes the failure of our congregations. No suggestions of change in our educational and merciful polices are intended. No implication is made that definite advances have not taken place. Evidence to the contrary will be given a little later. There is no desire to speak adversely concerning a host of faithful pastors. However, we all need to recognize that from any true educational point of view confusion exists in most of our congregations and that the bare beginnings of merciful work are to be seen in them. In some degree the same is true of the general educational and merciful work of the Church. We are far from measuring up to the responsibilities of the Church and the needs of the times. Let it be remembered that this report is prepared as required by the by-laws, and states the situation of the Church in these educational and merciful respects as the writer sees it. Specifications of our lack were partly given in the same report four years ago and two years ago. Similar pleas are found in numerous printed articles. The cure will come from the resolute will of the whole Church that the situation must be better. To arouse that will we must call upon all of our educational and merciful agencies, along with the auxiliary organizations, for an even more thoroughgoing study of the problems, for practical plans of harmonious orderliness and advance, and for persistent information to the whole Church. It is desirable that the appropriate groups of agencies hold joint meetings of representatives for the accomplishment of such ends. It is also to be hoped, in this connection, that the resolution to come before this convention concerning a special commission on theological education will find approval. That resolution seeks only a better educational day for our Church in the matter of theological training.

Continuing our consideration of the individual parts of our organization and speaking quite in contrast with the previous paragraph, the past biennium is noteworthy for the number of new developments in our work. One thinks of the new field of foreign mission operation in China, the publication building in Philadelphia, the work of the Committee on Evangelism, the magnificent attainments of the Women's Missionary Society, the woman's college, the home mission developments including plans of the Home Mission Board with the Manitoba Synod for Western Canada, etc. This report had intended to itemize all of them. It was realized, however, that this could not be done effectively until all reports to this convention were in and until the actions of the convention were complete. It is recommended, therefore, that the editors of our official Church papers be instructed to prepare an itemized statement of these new developments and to give full publicity to the same, not for vainglory, but as an encouragement and a stimulus to the entire Church. Mention should be included

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therein of the significantly increasing number of intelligent and devoted laymen who are giving themselves in the Church's service.

Thus far in the attempt to describe the present situation of our Church attention has been given first to our reputation and then to our organization, both as a whole and in its parts. In referring to our organization the consideration was one, so to speak, as to our internal relations. It is proper next to consider our external relations.

No change has taken place in our formal relationships to those groups of Christians who are not Lutherans. It is always to be hoped that our honest and practical love for other Christians will grow stronger and that our readiness to re-examine the necessity of assumed relations to them will be prompt. No reasons have appeared, however, to justify any changes in our Washington Declaration nor in the consequent definite relations which were established. Indeed the confessional situation outside of Lutheranism has grown even more sadly confused than it was. Controversy reaches ever nearer to the very center of Christianity in Christ and His redemption. It would be a positive betrayal of and danger to our allegiance to Gospel principles for us to take any further steps at this time in these relationships. It is good to note that our attitude has generally received most friendly respect from these other Christians. Naturally it is always possible for us to enter into worth-while conferences with them, if only in such conferences there will be mutual and open recognition of confessional differences and if therefore such conferences will not be proclaimed as being in themselves manifestations of Christian unity.

Greater hopefulness exists in our relationships with other Lutherans. Let us enumerate our formal co-operations. We are associated with the Augustana Synod in some branches of our foreign mission, educational, and West Indies work. The United Danish Church works with us in Japan. So also does the Icelandic Synod, and a proposition for educational co-operation with them will come before the present convention. We co-operate with the Suomi Synod in home mission operations. Our Home Mission Board and Board of Education are aiming to open wide and helpful general relationships in their special tasks. Definite bonds of association exist with a number of Lutheran bodies through the common support of our common agency the National Lutheran Council. We have definite agreements with the Lutheran Churches in Hungary and Czecho-Slovakia. The past biennium witnessed a Lutheran World Convention, with the wide contacts and the promising outlook which have resulted.

The enumeration just made is of course highly pleasing, and yet it is not enough. It is not the sphere of this report to discuss the situation of world Lutheranism, but a reference thereto must be made in order to emphasize our own responsibility. In all whose hearts are sensitively devoted to the strength and beauty of truth as our Church knows it, there exists as a supreme longing the desire that that truth shall prevail among

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men. We know that we must sacrifice everything unessential which may interfere with that end. Everywhere today, it would seem, Lutherans are wistfully looking towards one another. Everywhere, when they meet, they are conscious of the possession of common principles and of the desire to reassert them more winningly. Nowhere is anybody aiming at forced unions, or at coalitions which might prove detrimental to truest ends, or at an organized Lutheran Church of the world. Yet everywhere obstacles seem to arise which prevent even the most harmonious development of our common aims. I am not aiming to state the sources of those interferences. Every careful student of the situation becomes conscious of them. Furthermore, all Lutherans in America are conscious that the situation here is a very critical part of the entire problem, and yet here also obstacles to harmonious development are found. The human element of fault which exists in those obstacles does not belong to only one or two bodies. The United Lutheran Church in America is, however, not truly responsible for others' faults. Primarily it is responsible only for its own. Wherever such exist we ought to correct them. When the human faults have been eliminated we may see more clearly what elements of a more serious nature remain, which are creating the obstacles. My only suggestion for the present is that we practise truest respect and love for other groups of American Lutherans, and that we make the difficulties in our Lutheran situation a matter of frequent, prayerful meditation. One thing is certain, words of unloving and nagging criticism of one another, wherever practised, are of the devil.

We come now to the final and most important factor in our situation as a Church, namely, our inner, spiritual life. The difficulty, the practical impossibility of a just estimate in this respect must be manifest to all. Some indication thereof is nevertheless given if we can have a true view of conditions as to our pastors and congregations. Even this seems unattainable. There are thousands of both and no one man can truly know them. Furthermore, outward appearances are not always sure indications of inner realities. However, an effort has been made to secure the facts from informed and reliable sources in all parts of our Church. An attempted summary of the information is given herewith.

As to our pastors, though thousands in number, there are only rare exceptions to a complete fidelity to the principles of the Gospel as our Church confesses them. Loving patience has corrected the few exceptions, and instances of discipline are lacking. There is, however, objection to the archaic form of some sermons, and to the failure of application of the Gospel to present day needs. Most serious is the complaint as to real knowledge of the Bible, as to the lack of spiritual, biblical culture. It would be well if the proposed commission on theological education would take this information into consideration, along with the popularity of modern Bible schools. Turning to the morality of the ministry, the testimony

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is clear that they are clean, upright, honorable men who command the respect of their parishioners, their brethren, and their communities. Occasional references are found, however, to doubtful statistical methods; to questionable financial operations; to the tendency of ministers to criticise and be jealous of one another; and to the advantage sometimes taken of an opportunity which comes to ministers as to no other class, to shirk. One source of information laconically expressed the last named item thus: Where men are their own masters, some are indolent, most are not. As a final fact concerning our pastors, their efficiency may be considered. It is altogether clear that here, as everywhere in life, men of every caliber are to be found. The percentage of efficiency is unquestionably higher than in other walks of life, especially in these days when war has taught millions of men to act merely under orders and has taken from them the inspiration of personal initiative. There is frequent testimony, however, as to the failure of pastors to train members for active Christian work. In connection with this, statements are found as to a failure to understand the value of organization, as to pitiful programs for congregations, as to lack of concern for the Church at large.

We come now to the congregations of the United Lutheran Church in America. Some indications as to their condition have been given above in what was said concerning our pastors. There is truth in the statement, "Like pastor, like people." Unquestionably the number of truly great and influential congregations among us is definitely increasing. Furthermore, the inner development of congregational life in general is on the steady upgrade. Naturally none of our congregations have attained the ideal.

In that last statement a suggestion is implied—a suggestion of a form of presentation whereby we may view our congregations as they are and as they should be. We need congregations which are aiming for the ideal. The philosopher Kant gave an excellent rule of conduct when he said, "So act that the law of thine action may be made universal." Our congregations would do well to consider whether they would wish all congregations to model after their own. It would be very helpful to us all if one of our best pastors or one of our professors of practical theology would write a book with the title, "The Ideal Congregation." It would add to our Church's life if our congregations would keep that phrase in mind.

Such a book would in no sense be a mere summary of cut and dried methods for all pastors and people to put into operation. Indeed, one section of the book would deal especially with the individuality of congregations. Each congregation has its own special problem and problems, the like of which exist fully nowhere else. To copy others will not provide solutions. Congregations must work out their own salvation with fear and trembling.

Another chapter would tell about the true temple. The possession of greater properties and beautiful structures do not in themselves mean the

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attainment of the ideal for congregations. The buildings are but the symbols of the true temple of God, in which the people are living stones. In their worship and in their work they must aim to make real in themselves the wonderful life of the people of God.

An entire division of the book would point out the congregation's full task. The necessities in Church operation are to learn to save, to study, and to serve. The evangelistic, educational, and merciful work of every congregation must be considered and ordered. Evangelism is the winning for ideals. Education is the cultivation of ideals. Mercy is the manifestation of ideals. All congregations of fair size genuinely need three leaders, one for each of these great sections of the full task.

An ideal congregation is also one which recognizes its responsibilities to the community where it exists. If it is merely a sort of spiritual club for the interests of its members, if its people do not recognize that they are banded together in order that they may serve others, then after all such a congregation has a corporate soul marked purely with the desire for personal profits. It possesses a sort of high grade selfishness. An important question for every congregation is the one as to the reputation it bears among the people immediately around its doors. For what kind of works is it known? In this matter of community responsibilities, furthermore, great stress needs to be laid upon the necessity that in cities and towns where two or more of our congregations exist the joint operations of those congregations form a large part of their task. Inner Mission operations alone are suffering greatly today because so many of our congregations are not aiming at the ideal in this respect of joint activity in our cities and towns.

A number of other topics should be considered in that book. Let us note only one more, the denominational relationship of an ideal congregation. It is inconceivable, even from a practical standpoint, that a congregation should in good conscience maintain itself independent of vital participation with other congregations in a general Church body. This practical impossibility pertains both to the faith and the work of a congregation. As to the *faith* first of all, a congregation exists as a group of Christians under obligation to confess and to proclaim the truth of the Gospel. The essential Christian desire in such belief is to seek the greatest possible fellowship of all who confess the same faith. There is necessary cohesion in faith and its confession. Where the faith exists, the fellowship will follow. The desire for the triumph of the truth also impels to the establishment of the wider relationship. When the denominational establishment in faith has thus taken place, the ideal congregation no longer knows merely its own separate existence. It realizes its responsibility for the common faith of the whole. Its loyalty to its Church as a whole is a loyalty to the principles professed by all. Its people, its minister, its pulpit, its font, and its altar are all witnesses only for the truth confessed by the whole Church.

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From the standpoint also of its *work* an ideal congregation must partake completely in a general Church body. A tremendous responsibility is laid upon every Christian, personally to go into all the world and evangelize all nations. Christ has definitely laid the whole world on my soul. I cannot escape, but am responsible to serve in love all the need of all men, especially their need of the Gospel. It makes no difference that I cannot be everywhere at once and that I am not fitted for all kinds of service. It is when I realize that I cannot do it and that even my congregation cannot do it, that the necessity of identification with the great Church becomes apparent. It is then also that my congregation knows that all the work of the whole Church is not some burden laid upon it in the form of books to study and apportionments to give. It is that congregation's own required service. My personal Christian responsibility cannot be fulfilled excepting as my congregation has full part in a Church's operations. When then the whole Church feeds the hungry in Europe, meets the immigrant, follows students to their universities, prepares pastors, writes books and church papers, etc., it is my work which is being done, it is I personally who am doing it. The Church is a Christian man's opportunity for the fulfillment of his life's responsibility.

The President asked for immediate action on the second paragraph of his report.

The recommendation was approved by a standing vote. The report of the President was then referred to Committee.

The Convention proceeded to the election of a President under the direction of the proper committee of tellers.

The Secretary submitted his report as follows:

SECRETARY'S REPORT

I. MEMORIALS

There are in the hands of the Secretary a number of memorials addressed to the Convention of the United Lutheran Church. Some of them came too late for inclusion in the Bulletin. A complete list of the letters and memorials received with a brief indication of their contents is here given:

1. From the Susquehanna Synod of Central Pennsylvania concerning affiliation and co-operation with the International Council of Religious Education.

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2. From the Illinois Synod concerning the basis of apportionment.

3. From the Synod of the Northwest concerning (a) the preparation of an order for the reception of new members; (b) the elimination of all special appeals and the exclusive use of the Duplex envelope; (c) membership statistics and the basis of apportionment.

4. From the Pittsburgh Synod concerning (a) a book of Ministerial Acts in pocket size; (b) percentage table of apportionments; (c) forms for the reception of new members from other Churches; (d) the translation and printing of the Occasional Acts in German; (e) a study of what ought to be the Church's attitude toward war.

5. From the East Pennsylvania Synod concerning (a) the basis of apportionment; (b) the invitation to hold the 1926 convention in Philadelphia.

6. From the Synod of New York concerning constitutional provisions. The Executive Board has given consideration to this memorial in accordance with action of the Buffalo convention and with the consent of the President of the Synod. See Report of Executive Board II, 2.

7. From the Synod of Texas concerning (a) time of conventions of the United Lutheran Church; (b) time of holding the conference of Presidents.

8. From the Wartburg Synod concerning time and frequency of conventions of the United Lutheran Church.

9. From the Kansas Synod concerning basis of apportionment.

10. From the New York and New England Synod concerning (a) the attitude of the United Lutheran Church toward war and related subjects; (b) literature for the Week-day Religious and Daily Vacation Bible Schools; (c) education program for the congregation.

11. From the Ministerium of Pennsylvania concerning a declaration by the United Lutheran Church on the subject of war.

12. From the California Synod concerning time of the convention of the United Lutheran Church and the fiscal year.

13. From the Rocky Mountain Synod concerning Tabitha Home and the basis of apportionment.

14. From the Synod of Iowa concerning (a) the resolution on war to be offered by the Committee on Social and Moral Welfare; (b) apportionment for the Luther League.

15. Letters from the Rev. E. M. Gearhart, D.D., and from the Executive Lutheran Council and the Lutheran Pastoral Association of Erie and Vicinity inviting the United Lutheran Church to hold its 1926 convention in Luther Memorial Church, Erie, Pa.

16. From the West Pennsylvania Synod concerning divorce and remarriage.

17. From the Indiana Synod concerning (a) basis of apportionment; (b) actions of the United Lutheran Church, whether binding or not; (c) budgets of Constituent Synods.

18. From the German Synod of Nebraska concerning (a) time and

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frequency of conventions of the United Lutheran Church; (b) an apportionment to Tabitha Home; (c) merging of the Northwestern Mission Board with the other Boards, etc.; (d) the question of war.

Copies of these memorials have been handed to the chairman of the Committee on Memorials from Constituent Synods.

II. TREASURERS' REPORTS

An examination of the Reports of Treasurers as printed in the Bulletin will show the desirability of some action whereby these reports may be submitted to the convention in satisfactory form. The following facts are noted concerning the reports to this convention:

1. In five cases there is a report for each of the two years of the biennium, each of them signed by the treasurer and having the certificate of the auditors attached. These are the Reports of the Treasurer of the United Lutheran Church, the Board of Foreign Missions, the Board of Education, the Immigrants' Mission and the Board of Deaconess Work.

2. The other nine reports differ more or less in form from the foregoing and of them no two are exactly alike.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That a regulation be provided explaining the requirements of the United Lutheran Church concerning reports of treasurers, the signatures of treasurers thereto and the certificates of the auditors.

2. That instruction be given for the guidance of the secretary in determining whether or not a treasurer's report that comes into his hands shall be printed in the Bulletin issued for the convention.

3. That the above two resolutions be referred with approval to the Executive Board with instruction to bring about a harmonization of treasurers' and auditors' reports.

The Bulletin for this convention was printed and distributed by our own publication house.

(Signed) M. G. G. SCHERER.

Part I was received as information.

The recommendations concerning Treasurers' Reports and Auditors' Certificates (Part II) were adopted.

The Report of the Secretary was adopted as a whole.

The Rev. Dr. Whitteker was recognized by the President and presented an invitation to the Convention to visit the Chicago

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Theological Seminary on Saturday, October 25th. It was moved and carried, That the convention accept this invitation and that it adjourn at three o'clock on Saturday.

Dr. E. Clarence Miller, Treasurer of the United Lutheran Church, presented his report and called attention to special items therein. On motion the report was accepted as follows:

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH

For the Fiscal Year Ended July 31, 1923

APPORTIONMENT AND SPECIALLY DESIGNATED FUNDS

Synod	Synodical Apportionment	Paid on Apportionment	Paid on Specials
Ministerium of Pennsylvania	$317,477.00	$212,310.29	$16,259.00
Ministerium of New York	144,988.00	31,383.15	3,273.94
North Carolina	45,750.00	24,600.77	4,630.32
Maryland	79,306.00	64,607.55	561.19
South Carolina	26,407.00	16,830.65	4,164.60
West Pennsylvania	75,353.00	61,487.72	8,839.73
Virginia	26,827.00	16,163.43	6,086.68
Ohio	123,963.00	106,000.00	18,374.11
East Pennsylvania	96,294.00	69,285.18	14,661.23
Alleghany	56,767.00	43,953.00	7,267.00
Pittsburgh	139,521.00	109,578.07	3,006.63
Indiana	21,445.00	16,881.82	1,917.10
Illinois	60,131.00	55,000.00	16,691.15
Texas	4,878.00	1,613.59	424.56
Central Pennsylvania	23,127.00	18,449.00	720.17
Mississippi	1,009.00	265.31	170.46
Iowa	16,231.00	7,500.00	221.05
Michigan	25,818.00	14,554.43	1,246.55
Georgia	9,335.00	9,335.00	694.12
Canada	25,818.00	4,229.49	2,772.20
Susquehanna	42,302.00	29,381.00	1,090.00
Kansas	17,240.00	12,464.94	160.00
Nebraska	22,875.00	17,897.27	1,154.41
Wartburg	11,689.00	3,500.00	1,261.75
German Nebraska	21,950.00	2,777.86	20.00
California	11,774.00	7,104.00	41.50
Rocky Mountain	4,541.00	3,598.20	209.00
Northwest	37,424.00	14,590.19	2,675.83
Manitoba	10,007.00	400.00	750.00
Pacific	5,214.00	3,157.37	195.57
New York & New England	63,916.00	44,500.00	4,112.36
Nova Scotia	5,382.00	1,044.14	1,508.39
New York	77,624.00	40,842.17	2,205.87

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Synod	Synodical Apportionment	Paid on Apportionment	Paid on Specials
Central Canada	5,466.00	1,398.48	153.75
West Virginia	9,755.00	7,503.00	1,736.52
Slovak Zion	10,007.00		
Women's Missionary Society			300,550.14
Miscellaneous			1,574.41
		$1,074,187.07	$431,381.29

Paid on Apportionment	$1,074.187.07
Undistributed Balance of July 31, 1922	1,722.25
Total	$1,075.909.32
Distributed in accordance with the United Lutheran Church Budget	$1,040,000.00
Balance	$35,909.32
Advance Payment to Jewish Mission Board	2,000.00
Undistributed Balance of July 31, 1923	$33,909.32

THE UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH TREASURY

Receipts:

Proportion of Apportionment	$33,850.00	
Indiana	2.00	
West Pennsylvania	9.00	
Pittsburgh	2.00	
Board of Publication	500.00	
Interest to 5-31	1,595.84	
Total		$35,958.84

Expenditures:

Salaries, President	$6,000.00
Salaries, Secretary	4,000.00
Salaries, Clerks	4,333.00
Traveling Expense, President	255.50
Traveling Expense, Secretary	161.59
General Expense	574.53
Printing and Stationery	443.00
Postage	150.66
Rent	3,435.63
Treasurer's Expense	568.13
Telephone	208.53
Executive Board Expense	948.18
Common Service Book Committee	48.85
Necrology Committee	133.12
Statistical and Year Book Committee	669.66
Woman's Work Committee	220.57

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Convention Expense		18,946.31
Brotherhood Committee		235.20
Church Paper Committee		18.00
Special Commissions		192.58
Work Among Boys Committee		249.18
Committee of Adjudication		407.00
Church Music Committee		15.40
Committee on Moral and Social Welfare		173.09
Church Architecture Committee		111.09
Parish and Church School Board		237.80
Committee on Evangelism		101.75
Publication of Minutes		3,295.78
National Lutheran Council		5.70
Committee on World Convention		4,874.60
Committee on Army and Navy Work		3,125.93
Young Peoples Associations Committee		268.68
Committee on Co-ordination		10.21
Conference of Presidents		198.27
Federal Council of Churches		2,000.00
Loan to Saskatoon	$6,500.00	
Less Repayment	4,300.00	
		2,200.00
Total		$58,817.52
Deficit		$22,858.68
Overdraft, July 31, 1922		734.57
Overdrawn, July 31, 1923		$23,593.25
Balance of Apportionment Fund		$33,909.32
Balance of Specials		9,597.76
Balance of Sotter Trust		223.25
Balance of Sotter Trust Income		164.25
Balance of Swygert Trust Income		78.00
Balance of Endowment Fund		200.00
Total		$44,172.58
United Lutheran Church Treasury Overdraft		$23,593.25
Balance on Hand, July 31, 1923		$20,579.33
In Hands of Treasurer	$18,317.83	
In Hands of Secretary	2,261.50	
	$20,579.33	

Respectfully submitted,

E. CLARENCE MILLER, *Treasurer.*

PHILADELPHIA, August 28, 1924.

We have audited the accounts of the Treasurer of the United Lutheran Church in America for the year ended July 31, 1923, and we certify that,

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in our opinion, the foregoing statements of Apportionment and Specially Designated Funds Receipts and Expenditures, etc., are in accordance with the books of account and are correct.

LYBRAND, ROSS BROS. & MONTGOMERY,
Accountants and Auditors.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH

For the Fiscal Year Ended July 31, 1924

APPORTIONMENT AND SPECIALLY DESIGNATED FUNDS

Synod	Apportionment for 1924	Paid on Apportionment	Paid on Specials
Ministerium of Pennsylvania	$341,525.00	$223,826.80	$93,037.18
Ministerium of New York	129,482.00	33,262.86	33,398.51
North Carolina	50,334.00	34,490.42	15,638.20
Maryland	88,892.00	75,070.60	2,029.35
South Carolina	32,461.00	23,500.00	7,315.94
West Pennsylvania	81,416.00	69,837.63	9,287.11
Virginia	28,741.00	17,152.39	6,992.20
Ohio	137,031.00	98,000.00	31,327.21
East Pennsylvania	108,434.00	88,539.12	22,422.76
Alleghany	61,538.00	60,117.00	12,910.03
Pittsburgh	155,756.00	117,536.03	27,021.77
Indiana	26,491.00	16,907.75	1,981.07
Illinois	69,205.00	52,602.00	16,145.36
Texas	5,098.00	1,691.51	1,666.47
Central Pennsylvania	24,150.00	19,806.00	2,852.74
Mississippi	943.00	458.94	307.22
Iowa	18,671.00	9,250.00	215.84
Michigan	31,953.00	17,211.74	2,842.66
Georgia	10,923.00	8,118.82	3,250.13
Canada	28,070.00	3,966.69	2,951.65
Susquehanna	40,808.00	37,773.00	3,040.88
Kansas	18,598.00	11,078.45	11.00
Nebraska	26,600.00	15,858.93	4,737.98
Wartburg	9,653.00	2,800.00	5,371.85
German Nebraska	15,913.00	2,245.21	
California	13,717.00	6,507.68	32.50
Rocky Mountain	5,697.00	3,743.81	1,404.97
Northwest	48,447.00	24,927.64	1,572.28
Manitoba	11,540.00		1,800.90
Pacific	5,915.00	5,093.56	1,454.09
New York and New England	68,533.00	40,000.00	19,725.37
Nova Scotia	4,808.00	949.98	1,412.32
New York	80,327.00	36,292.34	12,743.64
Central Canada	5,225.00	1,587.38	815.52
West Virginia	10,778.00	5,875.02	3,493.26
Slovak Zion	10,415.00	475.00	
Miscellaneous		560.84	1,783.51
Women's Missionary Society			289,480.57
		$1,167,115.14	$642,474.04

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Paid on Apportionment	$1,167,115.14
Undistributed Balance of July 31, 1923	33,909.32
Total	$1,201,024.46
Distributed in accordance with the basis of the United Lutheran Church Budget	$1,196,000.00
Balance	$5,024.46
Repayment of Loan to Jewish Mission Board	$2,000.00
Undistributed Balance of July 31, 1924	$7,024.46

THE UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH TREASURY

Receipts:

Proportion of Apportionment	$44,144.60	
Ohio	3.00	
East Pennsylvania	60.00	
Board of Publication	500.00	
Interest to 5-31	1,700.65	
Repayment on Loan to Saskatoon	200.00	
Total		$46,608.25

Expenditures:

Salaries, President	$6,000.00
Salaries, Secretary	4,958.34
Salaries, Clerks	4,317.00
Traveling Expense, President	412.58
Traveling Expense, Secretary	97.08
General Expense	492.66
Printing and Stationery	83.70
Postage	125.22
Rent	3,242.40
Treasurer's Expense	542.95
Telephone	248.72
Executive Board	1,301.12
Common Service Book Committee	32.12
Necrology Committee	50.27
Statistical and Year Book Committee	471.44
Woman's Work Committee	67.40
Special Commissions	349.69
Work Among Boys Committee	87.75
Church Music Committee	18.46
Committee on Moral and Social Welfare	51.88
Church Architecture Committee	30.86
Parish and Church School Board	205.97
Committee on Evangelism	905.92
Committee on World Convention	196.87
Committee on Army and Navy Work	1,525.00
Conference of Presidents	105.55

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Federal Council of Churches	2,000.00	
Committee on Linguistic Interests	485.18	
Total		$28,406.13
Balance		$18,202.12
Overdraft of July 31, 1923		23,593.25
Overdrawn, July 31, 1924		$5,391.13
Balance of Apportionment Fund		$7,024.46
Balance of Sotter Trust		223.25
Balance of Endowment Fund		200.00
Total		$7,447.71
United Lutheran Church Treasury Overdraft		5,391.13..
Balance on hand, July 31, 1924		$2,056.58
In hands of Treasurer	$1,556.58	
In hands of Secretary	500.00	
Total	$2,056.58	

TRUST FUNDS

Emma Kirmse Sotter Trust

Income for Home Missions and Church Extension.

$2,000 Chesapeake & Ohio Equipment 6's.
4,000 Baltimore & Ohio Secured 6's.
3,000 Altoona & Logan Valley First Mortgage 4½'s.
500 U. S. Liberty 4th 4¼'s.

Respectfully submitted,
E. Clarence Miller, *Treasurer.*

Philadelphia, August 28, 1924.

We have audited the accounts of the Treasurer of the United Lutheran Church in America for the year ended July 31, 1924, and we certify that, in our opinion, the foregoing statements of Apportionment and Specially Designated Funds, Receipts and Expenditures, Trust Funds, etc., are in accordance with the books of account and are correct.

Lybrand, Ross Bros. & Montgomery,
Accountants and Auditors.

According to order the Convention proceeded to ballot for Treasurer under the direction of the proper committee of tellers.

The committee of tellers reported that, in the first ballot for President, Dr. F. H. Knubel had received 418 votes out of a total of 448 votes cast. No one having received a unanimous vote the tellers were ordered to proceed to take a second ballot.

The report of the Executive Board was regularly taken up.

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REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

I. CONCERNING THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

For the second time in its history the Executive Board is called upon to report the death of one of its members, who was also one of the twelve first elected to membership in the Board. The reference is to the Rev. Dr. V. G. A. Tressler, who entered into rest September 1, 1923. The funeral services were held in the Fourth Lutheran Church, of Springfield, Ohio, the Executive Board being officially represented by the Hon. John L. Zimmerman, LL.D. The following message was sent from the office in New York: "The United Lutheran Church mourns the loss of Dr. Tressler, a faithful servant and trusted counselor." Thus two of the Presidents who signed the official documents, whereby the merger of the General Synod, the General Council and the United Synod in the South was effected (see Minutes, 1918, pp. 90-92), have joined the multitude of the Church triumphant.

As the senior member on the Executive Board from the former General Synod the Rev. Dr. J. A. Clutz was requested to prepare a minute to record our appreciation of the man and his work and our sense of loss in his removal from us. Dr. Clutz presented the following at the opening of the meeting of the Executive Board in October, and in approval thereof the members of the Board stood while Dr. F. F. Fry read from the eighth chapter of the Epistle to the Romans, verses 31-39, and led in prayer.

Minute on the Death of Dr. Tressler

Since the last meeting of the Executive Board our ranks have been invaded by death for the second time. September 1, 1923, Prof. V. G. A. Tressler, Ph.D., D.D., Dean of Hamma Divinity School, Springfield, Ohio, and an honored and beloved member of this Board, passed to his eternal reward after an illness of several months.

Dr. Tressler was born April 10, 1865. He had, therefore, completed the fifty-eighth years of his life. He was a son of the Rev. John W. Tressler, and a grandson of Col. John Tressler, the founder of the Tressler Orphans' Home at Loysville, Pa. Prof. David L. Tressler, D.D., the first President of Carthage College, was his uncle. He thus came of a prominent family in our Church, to which he gave added distinction by his own rich gifts of mind and heart, his genial personality, his fine scholarship, and his many and arduous labors in and for the Lutheran Church.

Dr. Tressler graduated from Gettysburg College in 1886 with the highest honors. He then began the study of Law, but later decided to enter the Ministry. For reasons of convenience in residence, he pursued his theological studies in the McCormick Presbyterian Seminary in Chicago,

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from which he graduated in 1891. He was ordained as a Lutheran minister in 1892. After serving for several years as a home missionary in San Jose, California, he went to Germany for further study. From 1897 to 1900 he was a student in the University of Leipsic, from which he received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. In 1905 the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon him by Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove, Penna.

In 1903 Dr. Tressler was called to Wittenberg College as Professor of Greek and Principal of the Academy. In 1905 he was elected Professor of Greek and New Testament Philology in Hamma Divinity School connected with Wittenberg College. This position he filled with great success and honor up to the time of his death. After the death of Dr. Bauslin he was also made the Dean of Hamma Divinity School.

At the meeting of the General Synod in Chicago, in 1917, Dr. Tressler was elected President. By action of the body he was made a member of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means, to which was committed the task of arranging all the details for the Merger meeting and the organization of the United Lutheran Church at New York in 1918. As such he proved himself a wise counselor and an active worker. At this first convention of the United Lutheran Church he was elected as a member of the Executive Board. He was re-elected for a second term of four years at the Buffalo Convention. He also filled many other positions of influence and responsibility. In all of these he faithfully served the Church he so much loved.

Dr. Tressler was deeply interested in all the work of the Executive Board and of the Church and all her Boards and Institutions. He was always ready and eager to serve them. He belonged to the pietistic type of Lutherans, and was always especially concerned for the development of the spiritual life and interests of the Church. Such men are greatly missed when they die, and their memory is long and fondly cherished. It will be so with our friend and brother, and though we bow in humble submission to the divine will we cannot but regret his going from us just in the midst of his greatest usefulness.

As a mark of respect the Secretary of the Board is directed to make this Minute a part of the record of this meeting, and also to send a copy of it to Mrs. Tressler, with the assurance of our deepest sympathy in her sore bereavement. It shall furthermore be printed in *The Lutheran* and be made a part of our report to the convention of The United Lutheran Church in America.

The vacancy caused by the death of Dr. Tressler was filled by the election on October 24th of the Rev. A. H. Smith, D.D., of Ashland, Ohio.

The following Committees of the Executive Board have been active in digesting matters referred to them severally preparatory to consideration by the Board.

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Committee on Constituent Synods

Rev. J. A. Clutz, D.D., LL.D. Rev. E. B. Burgess, D.D.
Rev. W. H. Greever, D.D.

Committee on Boards and Committees

Rev. F. F. Fry, D.D. Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D.D.
Rev. H. A. Weller, D.D. Rev. A. H. Smith, D.D.
Mr. F. Henrich

The Rev. V. G. A. Tressler served as a member of the above Committee until the time of his death. Dr. Smith was appointed to fill the vacancy.

Finance Committee

Mr. E. Clarence Miller, LL.D. Mr. Wm. H. Hager
Mr. H. C. Miller

Legal Committee

Hon. J. L. Zimmerman, LL.D. Hon. C. M. Efird
Robbin B. Wolf, Esq.

During the biennium the Board held eight meetings, the attendance at the several meetings being indicated by the following figures: 14, 11, 13, 15, 11, 12, 13, 12.

It seems proper to note that, of the six members of the Executive Board whose terms expire at this convention, four of them are ineligible for re-election, each of them having served for a term of two years and having succeeded himself for a term of four years. These are the Revs. Jacob A. Clutz and H. A. Weller, Hon. John L. Zimmerman, and Mr. Harvey C. Miller. The Rev. F. F. Fry and Robbin B. Wolf, Esq., are the eligibles, they having served each one term of four years. It is also noteworthy that of the twelve members of the Board elected thereto in 1918 only three remain for the ensuing term: namely, the Hon. C. M. Efird, Mr. William H. Hager and Mr. Frederick Henrich, and that from this time forth, at each convention, one-half of the members of the Board elected by the Convention will necessarily retire.

The Board's nominations to fill vacancies are as follows: For term expiring 1928, Rev. F. F. Fry, Robbin B. Wolf, Esq., Rev. W. D. C. Keiter, Rev. A. R. Wentz, Hon. John F. Kramer, and George E. Neff, Esq.; for term expiring 1926, Rev. A. H. Smith.

II. MATTERS REFERRED

1. *Approval of Minutes, Printing and Distribution.* See Minutes, Third Convention, 1922, pp. 495, 507, 509. The Minutes of the two sessions of the Buffalo Convention, Wednesday, October 25th, were approved by the Executive Board. Four thousand copies of the Minutes were ordered printed. They came from the press on January 11, 1923. They were

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mailed to all ministers of the United Lutheran Church, to lay delegates to the Buffalo Convention, colleges and seminaries, members of Boards and Committees, Public and State Libraries, prominent Lutheran Church officials in Europe, and others. The cost of printing, wrapping and mailing was $2856.63.

A reprint pamphlet containing the Statement in Regard to Relations with the Federal Council, an Extract from the President's Report, Report of Committee on Evangelism, Declarations on National Life and International Relations, Relations with Interdenominational Agencies, Weekday Schools for Religious Instruction and Christian Citizenship, was mailed to all Lutheran ministers in the United States and Canada, numbering over ten thousand.

2. *Study and Revision of Constitution and By-Laws.* See Minutes, 1922, pp. 308, 420. In accordance with the instructions of the Buffalo Convention, the Executive Board secured from its individual members and from other sources, including a Memorial from the Synod of New York, many suggestions for possible amendments to the Constitution of the United Lutheran Church in America. The Board considered these, meeting as a Committee of the whole. In view of the fact that the organization is but six years old and has, therefore, not had sufficient experience to test in practical manner the provisions of the Constitution as a whole and in view of the fact that none of the suggestions made commended themselves to the hearty support of the Board, unanimous decision was reached that the Church should not for the present undertake to amend its Constitution, excepting in the one minor item presented herewith.

The Article to be amended reads: Article IX, Section 1. The officers of The United Lutheran Church in America shall be a President, a Secretary and a Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot at each regular Convention and shall serve until their successors are elected. The President, who shall be an ordained minister, and the Secretary, shall be chosen from the delegates present.

Proposed amendment: Stop after the word "Treasurer." Insert the sentence: "The President shall be an ordained minister of the Church." Then the following sentence: "The officers shall be elected by ballot at each regular Convention, but shall not take office until the first day of the third month after their election."

So amended the Article would read: The officers of The United Lutheran Church in America shall be a President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The President shall be an ordained minister of the Church. The officers shall be elected by ballot at each regular Convention, but shall not take office until the first day of the third month after their election.

Proposed amendments to By-Laws: (All references are to the first printed copies of the Constitution and By-Laws adopted 1918 except as otherwise indicated in the report.)

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Section II, Item 3. Omit all to and including the word "but" in the fourth line. Change "sessions" in the sixth line to "session." The item as amended would read:

In the absence of a quorum the delegates present may adjourn from time to time and postpone the session of the Convention until a quorum shall appear.

Section III, Item 1. After the word "presented" in the third line strike the remaining words of the sentence and substitute the words "to the Executive Board together with a copy of the Synod's Constitution." Strike lines 4, 5 and 6 to and including "recommendation" and insert the words: "Upon recommendation of the Executive Board" and conclude the item with the words: "The Synod may be received, etc." The item as amended would read:

The application of a Synod desiring to be received into The United Lutheran Church in America shall be presented to the Executive Board together with a copy of the Synod's Constitution. Upon recommendation of the Executive Board the Synod may be received in accordance with the Constitution, Article IV, Section 2. The delegates of such Synod upon the approval of their credentials shall at once be seated in the Convention and their names entered upon the roll.

Section IV, Item 2. Strike the words "the Standing Committee on Church Papers" and substitute the words: "all elective Committees." The item as amended would read:

Election of officers, members of the Executive Board and of the other Boards, including the Commission of Adjudication and all elective Committees, shall be by ballot. The Secretary shall prepare printed ballots for the use of voters in the Convention.

Section IV, Item 3. In the second and third lines omit: "On the first ballot—election." In the third line strike "second" and insert "first." In the fifth line strike "third" and insert "second." In the sixth line strike "three" and insert "two." In the seventh line strike "fourth" and insert "third." In the eighth line strike "third" and insert "second." In the tenth line strike "fourth" and insert "third." The item as amended would read:

In the election of a President, the following rules shall obtain: On the first ballot, three-fourths of all the votes cast shall be necessary to an election. On the second ballot, two-thirds of all the votes cast shall be necessary to an election. If two ballots fail to result in an election, the third ballot shall be confined to the two persons who in the second ballot receive the highest number of votes and no vote cast for any other shall be counted. In the third ballot a majority of the votes shall elect.

Section IV, Item 4. Strike "or" in line 1 and substitute "and." Strike

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"any" and insert after the words "regular Boards" the words "and elective Committees." The item as amended would read:

In the election of the Secretary, Treasurer and members of regular Boards and elective Committees, a majority of the votes cast shall be necessary for an election.

Section V, A. The list of Boards and Elective Committees as amended at Washington (See Minutes, 1920, pp. 24, 79, 102, 106f, 510f) stood as follows:

1. An Executive Board.
2. A Commission of Adjudication.
3. A Foreign Mission Board.
4. A Home Mission and Church Extension Board.
5. A Board of Northwestern Missions.
6. An Immigrants Mission Board.
7. A West Indies Board.
8. A Committee of Jewish Missions.
9. A Board of Education.
10. An Inner Mission Board.
11. A Board of Publication.
12. A Board of Ministerial Relief.
13. A Parish and Church School Board.
14. A Board of Deaconess Work.
15. A Board for the Home for the Aged.
16. A Committee on Church Papers.
17. An Executive Committee of the Laymen's Missionary Movement.

Section V, A. 17. Strike the word "Missionary" in order to make it conform to the present Constitution of the Movement. The list of Boards and Elective Committees will remain unchanged except as for this Item 17 which, as amended, would read:

17. An Executive Committee of the Laymen's Movement.

Section V, B. Item 8. In line four strike the word "Missionary" and the words "to twenty-five if" and for the latter substitute "as." The item as amended would read:

The President shall appoint a Committee of three ministers and four laymen to nominate a Standing Committee of ten laymen which shall be known as the Executive Committee of the Laymen's Movement and shall have charge of its development and administration. It shall have power to increase its membership as deemed expedient.

Section V, B, Item 9, (2). In the second line strike the words "Federal Council of" and in their place insert "work of Lutheran." The item as amended would read:

A Standing Committee to have the supervision of the work of Lutheran Brotherhoods.

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Section V, C, Item 5. In the first line strike "reports" and substitute the word "accounts." In the second sentence strike "report of the auditor" and substitute the words "report of the Treasurer certified by said accountant." In the sixth line strike "third" and insert "fourth." The item as amended would read:

The financial accounts of the several Boards and Commissions shall be submitted for audit to an accredited accountant. In connection with its report each Board shall present to the Convention the report of the Treasurer certified by said accountant. The fiscal year of all Boards shall close on the last day of the fourth month preceding the one in which the Convention of the United Lutheran Church shall meet.

Section VI, Item 2. Strike out the item and substitute the following:

"Item 2. Robert's Rules of Order Revised shall be the governing parliamentary law except where not in harmony with the Constitution and By-Laws."

Section VI, Item 3. Strike out "situation of" and substitute the words "conditions in." The item as amended would read:

Item 3. He shall prepare a biennial report which shall briefly summarize the general conditions in the Church and his own work during the biennium and which shall be read and assigned to Committees prior to the Convention's entering into the election of a successor.

Section VI, Items 4, 5 and 6. Strike out these items. Section VI as amended would read:

Item 1. The President shall conduct all business according to the Constitution, By-Laws, and Order of Procedure of The United Lutheran Church, and insist upon the observance of the same on the part of every member. He shall appoint all committees unless otherwise provided for.
Item 2. Robert's Rules of Order Revised shall be the governing parliamentary law except where not in harmony with the Constitution and By-Laws.
Item 3. He shall prepare a biennial report which shall briefly summarize the general conditions in the Church and his own work during the biennium and which shall be presented and assigned to Committees prior to the Convention's entering into the election of a successor.

Section VII, A. The list of Special Committees as amended at Washington (See Minutes, 1920, pp. 24, 79, 102, 106f, 512) stood as follows:

1. Committee to conduct the opening and closing services of each session.
2. Committee on Leave of Absence.
3. Committee on Proceedings of District Synods.
4. Committee of Reference and Counsel. (Its duties shall include the consideration of all general resolutions before they are submitted to the Convention, arrangements with the President for the hearing of representatives sent to the Conventions, and general assistance to the President in the daily program.)

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5. Committee to Nominate Executive Committee Laymen's Missionary Movement.
6. Committee to Nominate Members of Boards.
7. Committee to Nominate Members of Executive Board, and all elective Commissions or Committees.
8. Committee of Tellers.

Section VII, A. Item 5. In second line strike the word "Missionary." The list of Special Committees as amended would read as above except for Item 5 which would read:

5. Committee to Nominate Executive Committee of Laymen's Movement.

Section VII, B. The list of Standing Committees as amended at Washington (See Min. 1920, pp. 24f, 79, 102, 106f, 437, 511) and Buffalo (See Min. 1922, pp. 169, 308, 513) stood as follows:

The following Standing Committees shall be appointed by the President before the close of each Convention:

1. Statistical and Church Year Book Committee.
2. Committee on Common Service Book.
3. Committee on Church Music.
4. Committee of Conference on Special Linguistic Interests.
5. Committee on Lutheran Brotherhoods.
6. Committee on Women's Work.
7. Committee on Associations of Young People.
8. Committee on Work Among Boys.
9. Committee on Army and Navy Work.
10. Committee on Moral and Social Welfare.
11. Committee on Evangelism.
12. Committee on Church Architecture.
13. Committee on Publicity.
14. Committee on Necrology.
15. Committee on Transportation. (Its duties shall include all transportation interests, including the mileage and transportation arrangements for the Conventions.)
16. An Archivist.
17. Such other Standing Committees as may be provided for from time to time.

Strike from the sentence at the head of this list the words "before the close of each Convention." The sentence as amended would read:

The following Standing Committees shall be appointed by the President: (List of Standing Committees as above.)

3. *Revision of System for Nominations and Elections at Conventions.* See Minutes, 1922, pp. 132, 472.

The Executive Board recommends the following as a series of standing resolutions upon the subject:

a. Although the 1920 Convention in Washington ruled that ad interim elections of members of Boards are to be effective only until the next Con-

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vention thereafter, further study of the Constitution and By-Laws reveals that it would be thoroughly in harmony therewith if such elections are made effective for the entire remainder of the term concerned. It is therefore recommended, particularly in the interest of a simplification of records and of elections, that the above-mentioned action in 1920 be rescinded and that all ad interim elections apply for the entire remainder of the terms of office concerned. This new ruling is to apply to all such elections during the present biennium and therefore to all elections at the 1924 Convention in Chicago. It is to be understood under this decision that such an ad interim election for an unexpired term is to count as one of the two successive terms for which a member of a Board is eligible.

b. In the preparation of ballots for an election, the nominations made by the Board concerned are to stand first, arranged in alphabetical order. Also an asterisk shall be used to indicate nominations made by a Board; in case of a renomination, a double asterisk. Then will follow the nominations, arranged alphabetically, made by the Nominating Committee. In the case of each nominee the Synod of which he is a member shall be indicated.

c. In all elections, including those for officers of the Church, identifying initials must be used for all individuals. A vote for an individual not carrying his initials is not to be counted.

d. The election of officers of the United Lutheran Church in America will ordinarily take place during the sessions of the first Wednesday of a Convention. No election of a Secretary is to take place until after the President has been chosen. In the election of an officer of the Church only the regular method shall be used whereby each delegate has the opportunity to cast an individual ballot.

e. The elections for membership on the Executive Board, the Commission of Adjudication, the Church Paper Committee, and the Executive Committee of the Laymen's Movement shall ordinarily take place at the close of the first Wednesday afternoon session of a Convention.

f. The elections for membership on other Boards and other elective Commissions and Committees shall ordinarily take place at the close of the first Friday afternoon session of a Convention.

4. *Eligibility of Synodical Presidents as Members of Executive Board.* See Minutes, 1922, pp. 424, 457.

There is no conceivable constitutional ground against such membership. Statements in Article XIV, Section 3, are not sufficient ground.

The question is therefore reduced to the desirability of such membership and the consequent desirability of a By-Law making such membership impossible. On any fair consideration probably as many reasons could be advanced which distinctly favor such membership as those which render it undesirable. The Executive Board's work is one which rarely if ever has to do with the relation of Synods one to another, but more especially with the relation of Boards one to another and to the Church as a whole. Wherever it deals with the work of Synods it is dealing with that which is the work of them all, that is, the work of the Church as a whole.

As a result of the above statements the Executive Board cannot find sufficient considerations to favor the proposition submitted to it by the Buffalo Convention and therefore recommends its rejection.

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5. The action of the Executive Board on certain other matters which were referred to it will be reported under other heads as here indicated:

a. Work among the Siebenburgers. Minutes, 1922, pp. 424, 457. (See IV, B. 2.)

b. Asiatics on the Pacific Coast. Minutes, 1922, p. 309. (See IV, B. 4.)

c. Survey of field for work among Negroes. Minutes, 1922, pp. 452, 456. (See IV, B. 5.)

d. (1) Conventions of the United Lutheran Church, time of holding. Minutes, 1922, pp. 425, 457. (See III, A, 3, a.)

(2) Synodical meetings, time of. Minutes, 1922, pp. 425, 457. (See III, A, 3, b.)

(3) Fiscal Year, date for closing. Minutes, 1922, pp. 336, 337. (See III, A, 3, c.)

e. Boards, Combination or Reorganization of. Minutes, 1922, pp. 65, 111, 472. (See IV, A. 2.)

f. Boards, representation of at Synods. Minutes, 1922, pp. 425, 457. (See III, A, 4.)

g. The Saskatoon Institutions. Minutes, 1922, p. 504. (See V, 1.)

h. Special Appropriation for Army and Navy Work. Minutes, 1922, p. 131. (See IV, C, 4.)

i. Request of Committee on Work Among Boys for $2000. Minutes 1922, p. 296. (See IV, C, 5.)

k. Lutheran World Convention, appointments to. Minutes, 1922, pp. 66, 315, 321, 323, 421. (See X.)

l. Agreement with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Czecho-Slovakia Minutes, 1922, p. 111. (See XI, 1.)

III. SYNODS

A. In General

1. *Conference of Synodical Presidents*: It having been ascertained through correspondence that the Presidents of the Constituent Synods of the United Lutheran Church in America were favorable to the holding of a Conference of Presidents, such a Conference was called to meet at Harrisburg. Pa., January 29th and 30th, 1924. In response to this call the personnel of the Conference was composed of 29 Presidents, one Vice-President and the three officers of the United Lutheran Church. The Presidents who were absent expressed by letter their regrets at not being able to attend. A number of subjects of a practical character vitally affecting the life and work of the Church were freely and fully discussed. A consensus of opinion taken before adjournment was to the effect that the Conference had been one of much profit.

2. *Apportionments*: The apportionments proposed by the Finance Committee and approved by the Executive Board were as follows:

For the year 1923:

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Synod	Apportionment
Ministerium of Pennsylvania	$317,477.50
Ministerium of New York	144,988.40
North Carolina	45,750.40
Maryland	79,306.30
South Carolina	26,407.40
West Pennsylvania	75,353.60
Virginia	26,827.90
Ohio	123,963.40
East Pennsylvania	96,294.50
Alleghany	56,767.50
Pittsburgh	139,521.90
Indiana	25,314.10
Illinois	60,131.50
Texas	5,382.40
Central Pennsylvania	23,127.50
Mississippi	1,009.20
Iowa	16,231.30
Michigan	25,818.70
Georgia	9,335.10
Canada	25,818.70
Susquehanna	42,302.30
Kansas	17,240.50
Nebraska	22,875.20
Wartburg	11,689.90
German Nebraska	21,950.10
California	11,774.00
Rocky Mountain	4,541.40
Northwest	37,424.50
Manitoba	10,007.90
Pacific	5,214.20
New York and New England	63,916.00
Nova Scotia	5,382.40
New York	77,624.30
Central Canada	5,466.50
West Virginia	9,755.60
Slovak Zion	10,007.90
	$1,682,000.00

A revision of this apportionment resulted in reducing the amount apportioned to the Indiana Synod to $21,445.10 and that apportioned the Texas Synod $4,878.40.

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For the year 1924:

Synod	Confirmed Membership	Current Expenses	Apportionment
Min. of Penna.	175,093	$1,177,105	$341,525.19
Min. of New York	67,155	439,583	129,482.72
North Carolina	23,606	192,786	50,334.23
Maryland	40,701	349,153	88,892.36
South Carolina	17,445	104,886	32,461.41
West Pennsylvania	39,090	303,860	81,416.62
Virginia	13,863	105,937	28,741.68
Ohio	51,752	634,609	137,031.04
East Pennsylvania	42,534	488,369	108,434.52
Alleghany	32,589	250,982	67,571.98
Pittsburgh	68,573	635,883	155,756.68
Indiana	9,966	123,119	26,491.70
Illinois	25,201	328,758	69,205.03
Texas	2,855	15,448	5,098.75
Central Pennsylvania	12,618	81,201	24,150.99
Mississippi	624	2,117	943.54
Iowa	5,357	101,385	18,671.20
Michigan	11,902	149,426	31,953.34
Georgia	4,422	48,022	10,923.29
Canada	15,240	89,328	28,070.31
Susquehanna	22,164	129,741	40,808.11
Kansas	5,672	97,997	18,598.63
Nebraska	11,047	114,431	26,600.57
Wartburg	4,169	40,152	9,653.14
German Nebraska	6,735	67,325	15,913.16
California	4,583	68,726	13,717.62
Rocky Mountain	1,910	28,521	5,697.53
Northwest	19,773	211,336	48,447.15
Manitoba	6,205	37,229	11,540.22
Pacific	2,368	29,048	6,278.17
New York and New England	28,441	294,899	68,533.67
Nova Scotia	2,639	15,085	4,808.42
New York	31,695	360,077	80,327.91
Central Canada	2,052	23,455	5,225.76
West Virginia	4,244	48,468	10,778.13
Slovak Zion	7,161	20,000	10,415.23
	821,444	$7,208,447	$1,814,500.00

The amount apportioned to the Alleghany Synod was later reduced to $61,538.98. The apportionment for the Pacific Synod was likewise reduced to $5,915.17.

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North Carolina	23,606	192,786	50,107.42
Maryland	40,701	349,153	88,493.17
South Carolina	17,445	104,886	32,298.10
West Pennsylvania	39,090	303,860	81,035.57
Virginia	13,541	118,767	29,766.87
Ohio	51,752	634,609	136,468.55
East Pennsylvania	42,534	488,369	107,989.97
Alleghany	32,589	250,982	67,254.44
Pittsburgh	68,573	635,883	155,067.17
Indiana	9,966	123,119	26,391.90
Illinois	25,201	328,758	68,923.78
Texas	2,870	16,887	5,271.12
Susquehanna Synod of Central Penna...	34,782	210,942	64,632.49
Mississippi	624	2,117	952.61
Iowa	5,357	101,385	18,607.70
Michigan	11,902	149,426	31,817.26
Georgia	4,566	32,701	9,108.79
Canada	15,240	89,328	27,934.23
Kansas	5,672	97,997	18,526.05
Nebraska	11,047	114,431	26,491.70
Wartburg	8,708	54,510	16,394.01
German Nebraska	9,332	67,325	18,689.35
California	4,583	68,726	13,663.19
Rocky Mountain	1,910	28,521	5,079.39
Northwest	19,773	211,336	48,229.41
Manitoba	5,364	39,241	10,805.38
Pacific	2,300	26,850	5,897.13
New York and New England	28,441	294,899	68,234.27
Nova Scotia	2,639	15,085	4,790.28
New York	31,695	360,077	79,983.16
Central Canada	2,052	23,455	5,198.54
West Virginia	4,244	48,468	10,741.79
Slovak Zion	7,161	20,000	10,360.80
	827,505	$7,221,567	$1,814,500.00

The apportionment to the Alleghany Synod was reduced to $61,248.44.

3. *Times of holding Conventions and Synodical Meetings, also dates for closing Fiscal Year*:

a. Time for Biennial Conventions of the United Lutheran Church: Through correspondence it was ascertained that either by synodical action, or through their officers, in most cases the latter only, fourteen Synods would prefer the holding of the Convention the latter part of Summer or in the Fall as at present; twelve would prefer the Spring or early Summer. Some seemed to have no preference, others were not heard from.

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A majority of the larger Synods seem to favor the Fall as the time of meeting.

The Executive Board recommends that until there is manifested a more decided preference for another time of meeting of the general Conventions no change be made.

b. Time of meeting of Synods: In connection with the consideration of the time for holding the conventions of the United Lutheran Church it became evident that no time could be found that would be agreeable to all unless all of the Constituent Synods could be induced to meet either in the Spring or Fall. Such an arrangement would also make it more convenient for representatives of the Boards and other agencies of the Church to be present. Yet, however desirable such an arrangement might be, the Executive Board deems it impracticable, at least for the present.

c. Close of the fiscal year: In regard to this matter there was found to be great confusion. Most of the Synods determine the end of their fiscal year by the time of their meetings. These run through nearly all the months of the year. While it may not be vitally important, it does seem to be very desirable to have the fiscal year of all the Synods, and, if possible, of all the congregations to harmonize. We believe that the best time for this would be the close of the calendar year, which is also the close of the apportionment year of the United Lutheran Church. We recommend, therefore, that the Convention take action requesting all the Constituent Synods to work to this end.

4. *The Visitation of Synods by Board Secretaries, etc.*: This matter was under consideration during the greater part of the biennium. It was before the Executive Board, the Conference of Synodical Presidents, and the Conference of Secretaries. Finally, a plan was worked out, largely by the Executive Committee of the Secretaries' Conference, consisting of the officers of the same. This plan, submitted herewith, covers all the Synods meeting during the latter half of 1924 and the first half of 1925. It provides for the attendance of at least one Secretary or Representative of the general work of the Church at each Synod, and not more than five at any Synod.

The plan follows:

SYNODS

One Representative	*Confirmed Members*
1. Slovak Zion	7161
2. Manitoba	6205
3. Rocky Mountain	2495
4. Mississippi	816
5. Central Canada	3125
6. Nova Scotia	2818
Two Representatives	
1. West Virginia	4276
2. Kansas	7949

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		Confirmed Members
3.	Iowa	5329
4.	Wartburg	9094
5.	Texas	6200
6.	Pacific	2386
7.	California	5260
8.	Georgia	4422
Three Representatives		
1.	South Carolina	13615
2.	Virginia	13863
3.	Indiana	10139
4.	Nebraska	10468
5.	German Nebraska	9094
6.	Michigan	11816
7.	Canada	14900
Four Representatives		
1.	North Carolina	26140
2.	Northwest	18306
3.	New York and New England	27843
4.	Alleghany	27000
5.	Illinois	25000
6.	Susquehanna Synod of Central Penna.	34655
Five Representatives		
1.	Ministerium of Pennsylvania	171000
2.	Ministerium of New York	67000
3.	Maryland	39000
4.	West Pennsylvania	38000
5.	Ohio	51000
6.	East Pennsylvania	51000
7.	Pittsburgh	68000
8.	New York	36000

Presentation of Causes to Synods

a. *By One Representative*—All phases of the work of the United Lutheran Church.

b. *By Two Representatives*—

First

Missionary
Foreign
Home Missions and Church Extension
Immigrant
West Indies
Jewish
Northwestern

Educational
Board of Education
Parish and Church School
Publication

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Promotional
Laymen's Movement
Brotherhood
Luther League

Second

Ministerial Relief
Deaconess Work
Inner Missions
National and Tabitha Homes

c. *By Three Representatives—*

First

Missionary
Foreign Missions
Home Missions and Church Extension
Northwestern
Immigrant
West Indies
Jewish

Second

Educational
Parish and Church School
Board of Education
Publication

Promotional
Brotherhood
Laymen's Movement
Luther League

Third

Ministerial Relief
Inner Missions
Deaconess
National and Tabitha Homes

d. *By Four Representatives—*

First

Foreign Missions
Home Missions and Church Extension
Immigrant
West Indies
Northwestern
Jewish

Second

Education
Parish and Church School
Publication

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Third
Ministerial Relief
Deaconess
Inner Missions
National and Tabitha Homes

Fourth
Brotherhood
Luther League
Laymen's Movement

e. *By Five Representatives—*

First
Home Missions and Church Extension
Northwestern
Immigrant
West Indies
Jewish

Second
Foreign Missions
Deaconess
Laymen's Movement

Third
Publication
Educational
Parish and Church School

Fourth
Inner Missions
Deaconess
National and Tabitha Homes

Fifth
Ministerial Relief
Luther League
Brotherhood

This plan was approved by the Executive Board and referred back to the Executive Committee of the Secretaries' Conference to be put into effect with such changes as might be found necessary.

We recommend that all the Synods, Boards and Board Secretaries and other Representatives of the general work of interests of the Church be urged to co-operate heartily with said Committee in its efforts to carry out this plan of visitation.

5. *Concerning Reports of Memberhip by Synods*: There was brought to the attention of the Executive Board a "very striking and unusual" drop in the number of confirmed members reported by one of the Constituent Synods in 1923 as compared with the report made in 1922. Inquiry as to the reasons for this elicited the following answer: "The reason for

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the decrease of confirmed members is the fact that a good number of reports failed to appear, and that according to a resolution of our last meeting only those have to be counted as confirmed members who contribute towards the support of the congregation."

Examination of the minutes of the Synod referred to showed that thirty-one congregations had not made any report as to their membership. Twenty-seven congregations reported more communing members than confirmed members which is out of harmony with the rubrics of the official Parochial Report.

Inasmuch as the United Lutheran Church is given power under its Constitution to lay apportionments on its Constituent Synods for benevolent work and has defined the basis on which these apportionments can be equitably distributed, namely, "current expenses" and "confirmed members"; and inasmuch as it is made the duty of the Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church to "co-ordinate the work of the entire body," the Executive Board therefore instructed the Secretary to call the attention of the officers of the Synod in question to the facts recited above and ask them to have the resolution quoted rescinded at its next meeting, to use all diligence to have every congregation connected with the Synod to report fully each year in accordance with the rubrics of the official Parochial Blank and to instruct its Statistical and Historical Secretary to insert the figures of the last report presented, where these are lacking in the membership columns.

In view of the great importance of securing more accurate statistics and especially fuller and more complete reports as to our membership, the Executive Board also formally instructed the Statistical Secretary of the United Lutheran Church, in case of incomplete reports from Constituent Synods, to correct them in accordance with the rubrics found on the blanks for Parochial Reports.

We recommend that this action be endorsed and that it be brought to the attention of all Constituent Synods.

6. *Concerning Uniformity of Method in Division of Funds as between the Synod and the United Lutheran Church*: (See VII, 5.)

7. *Certificates of Ordination and other important documents*: A letter came to the Executive Board from the Secretary of one of the Constituent Synods setting forth that a certain ministerial member of that Synod had deposited his Certificate of Ordination with the officers of another Synod of the United Lutheran Church several years ago, that this certificate had been lost and that he, desiring to resume work as a pastor and wishing to have a Certificate of Ordination as evidence of his right to do so, was seeking advice as to the method of procedure under such circumstances. The letter also suggested that it might be well to have all Certificates of Ordination deposited with Synods by ministers not engaged in pas-

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toral work, placed in the keeping of the officers of the United Lutheran Church so as to guard against their being lost.

The Executive Board took the following action:

a. That in case a Certificate of Ordination has been lost, a duplicate copy of such certificate may be given by the Synod which originally granted the ordination; or if this should be found impracticable, a certified copy of the official record of the ordination may be furnished.

b. That the Executive Board offer to receive and deposit with the archives of the United Lutheran Church any Certificates of Ordination or other important documents, that may be placed in its keeping by Constituent Synods, and that it recommend that this offer be accepted by all Synods that do not have an official depository for the safe keeping of such documents.

B. In Particular

1. At the meeting of the South Carolina Synod in November, 1922, the pastors and congregations of the South Carolina Conference of the North Carolina Synod, formerly connected with the Tennessee Synod, were received into the Synod of South Carolina.

2. The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Central Pennsylvania (organized February 21, 1855) and the Susquehanna Synod (organized November 5, 1867) met in joint session in Zion Lutheran Church, Sunbury, Penna., September 5, 1923. At this meeting a series of resolutions, presented by the two Synods, were unanimously adopted, whereby a merger of the two Synods was formally effected, under the name and title of the Susquehanna Synod of Central Pennsylvania of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. Though it was decided that each of the Synods should carry on its own work until May, 1924, an election of officers was held resulting as follows: President, Rev. F. P. Manhart, D.D.; Secretary, Rev. W. M. Rearick, D.D.; Treasurer, Mr. Wm. T. Horton.

The newly organized Synod held its first session May 22, 1924, in Zion Lutheran Church, Sunbury, Pa., at which time the charter was approved and the interests of the two Synods officially merged. The Synod adopted the Constitution for Constituent Synods recommended by the Executive Board, including the doctrinal basis, making only such minor changes as seemed called for by certain local conditions.

The Executive Board recommends that this merger be approved and that the Susquehanna Synod of Central Pennsylvania of the Evangelical Lutheran Church be enrolled in the place occupied by the older of the merging Synods as has been done in other cases.

3. *Actions concerning Pacific Synod and its work*:

a. Pacific Theological Seminary: The Executive Board was officially

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notified through the Secretary of the Pacific Synod that on January 19, 1923, the said Synod took the following action:

"In view of the action of the United Lutheran Church in regard to our Pacific Theological Seminary at Seattle, as reported by our delegation to the Buffalo Convention,

"Be it unanimously resolved, by the Pacific Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church:

"1. That we sincerely rejoice in the hearty recognition given by the Church to the historical fact that in projecting the plans for the location of the Pacific Seminary at Seattle and in the work there attempted the Pacific Synod proceeded entirely within its rights and under the specific sanction of the United Lutheran Church; but that we again respectfully remind the Church that those plans and the inauguration of that work were a *fait accompli* before the organization of The United Lutheran Church in America;

"2. That we are deeply grateful for the warm commendation given by the Church of our hearts' desire to the sacrifice and devotion of our people in behalf of the Seminary at Seattle, and that we cherish the hope that our hearts may be gladdened, our hands strengthened and our love requitted by the due reward of devoted fidelity;

"3. That we humbly give expression to our sincere conviction that the safest, most trustworthy and most effective method of arriving at a correct view of facts such as are involved in our Seminary matter is through the instrumentality of those who have devoted their lives to the study and development of these facts:

"4. That, after earnest reconsideration, we solemnly declare that we can not do otherwise than adhere to the decision unanimously reached by the Synod in the Tacoma Convention in favor of a permanent location of the Pacific Seminary at Seattle, the reasons for which are fully stated in our Statement of Position presented to the Church in Convention assembled at Buffalo;

"5. That our hearts are cheered and our loyalty deepened by the renewed assurance that we have not been mistaken in our sure confidence and trust that our great Church would not in any way infringe upon the rights accorded as under its Constitution; and

"6. That we earnestly petition the United Lutheran Church in America and its constituted authorities to devise ways and means whereby the pledges made to us in the New York Convention may now begin to bring forth fruit."

(1) The Executive Board expressed the judgment that in view of this action there is no desirability for the appointment of an Eastern Advisory Committee as was done prior to the Buffalo Convention. (See Minutes, 1922, pages 54, d., and 56, d.)

(2) In answer to Item 6 of the action of the Pacific Synod it was

Resolved that with our report to the Washington Convention (see Minutes, 1920, page 59f) which was adopted by the United Lutheran Church, we fully discharged our responsibilities so far as the resolution of the New York Convention is concerned.

This is submitted for your consideration and action.

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b. Co-operation: The Pacific Synod requested the Executive Board "to present to the coming Convention of the United Lutheran Church a plan for co-operation with the Norwegian Lutheran Church in educational work and home missions."

A plan for co-operation in Home Missions had been adopted by the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension and approved by the Executive Board. The matter of co-operation in education was referred by the Buffalo Convention to the Board of Education of the United Lutheran Church with "full power, subject to the approval of the Executive Board," and, as we were informed, was in process of adjustment.

The Executive Board was of the opinion that further action should not be taken at this time and so recommends to the Convention.

4. *Synod of the Northwest*: In answer to a request of the Rev. G. K. Rubrecht, D.D., President of the Synod of the Northwest, for an interpretation of the Buffalo resolutions concerning the location of the Northwestern Seminary (see Minutes, 1922, page 470) the President sent by wire the following statement which was approved by the Executive Board:

"Buffalo resolutions seem plain. Synod's action is upheld as constitutional. The Church disagrees with the Synod's judgment, deplores its action as taken and frankly says so. It wishes the Synod could agree with it. The Church, however, does not wish to promote division in the Synod. It desires unified support within a Synod of constitutional synodical action. To make my interpretation complete the Church similarly expects complete support from all Synods for all work the Church constitutionally undertakes."

5. The Executive Board received a letter from a joint committee of representatives of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania and the East Pennsylvania Synod renewing the invitation extended by the Ministerium of Pennsylvania (see Minutes, 1922, pages 426 and 457) to hold the 1926 Convention of the United Lutheran Church in Philadelphia.

The Executive Board recommends that this invitation be accepted.

IV. BOARDS AND ELECTIVE COMMITTEES

A. In General (*Where two or more are concerned*)

1. *Effort to Stimulate Response to Apportionment*: The Executive Board adopted the following and officially brought it to the attention of all Board Secretaries:

Resolved, That the attention of all Boards be called to the importance of increasing the interest of our Synods and congregations in their response to apportionment obligations and that all Secretaries be requested to add a strong appeal that each congregation shall meet at least its full apportionment when presenting the particular causes which they represent.

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2. *Combination or Reorganization of Boards*: At the organization of the United Lutheran Church in America the Joint Committee on Ways and Means, in order to provide for the prosecution of the work previously carried on by the several General Bodies with as little disturbance as possible to its continuity and effectiveness, felt itself under the necessity of recommending the creation of several Boards and Agencies to carry on the work of Home Missions. The United Lutheran Church adopted the recommendation of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means and thus five several agencies were established for the prosecution of what might properly be called the Home Mission work of the Church. (See Minutes, 1918, p. 49.)

At the same time, however, the Convention requested several of these Boards "to meet together during the interim and endeavor to arrange for the unification of their work under one Board." (See Minutes, 1918, p. 57.) Although the completion of the work of merging was committed by the Convention to the Executive Board with instructions to act (see Minutes, 1918, p. 55), which again was reaffirmed at Washington (see Minutes, 1920, p. 61), no effort was made on the part of the Executive Board to bring about such unification of the Home Mission work until there came an appeal from the West Indies Mission Board asking for a statement as to its sphere of operations. It was found that this would involve certain interests of the Board of Foreign Missions. Representatives of these two Boards met with the officers of the Executive Board for conference on this matter. No final conclusion being reached, the two Boards themselves held a further conference and adopted a resolution in which they give it as their "deliberate judgment that the question of the spheres of the activities of these two Boards could not be properly determined until the United Lutheran Church had given further consideration to the question of the reallocation of the work at present assigned to its various Boards." The Executive Board then took action instructing its Committee on Boards and Committees to begin a study of the question of the determination of the spheres of operation of the Boards and requested the Convention of the United Lutheran Church in Buffalo to instruct all Boards to give their fullest co-operation. This action of the Executive Board was approved. (See Minutes, 1922, pp. 65, 105, 108.) Also at the Buffalo Convention the Executive Board asked for instructions and power to effect a merger of Boards of the United Lutheran Church if found practicable. This request was recommitted to the Executive Board. (See Minutes, 1922, p. 111.) A resolution submitted to the Convention through the Committee of Reference and Counsel instructing the Executive Board to investigate and consider in what ways it might be possible to combine or reorganize the Boards and Committees of the United Lutheran Church so as to make the work of administration more economical and to report findings with recommendations to

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the next Convention was adopted. In connection with that resolution, upon suggestion of the President, the Convention also adopted the following: "Resolved, That the Executive Board be empowered to effect such mergers wherever satisfactory to the Boards concerned." (See Minutes, 1922, p. 472.)

At its meeting in May, 1923, the Committee on Boards and Committees recommended to the Executive Board the creation of a single Board to be known as the Board of American Missions of The United Lutheran Church in America. The Committee also submitted a constitution which had been drafted for the governance of such Board. This constitution will be found in the Minutes of the Executive Board for May 9, 1923. The Board took no action except that it authorized the Committee on Boards and Committees to call, at the earliest convenience, a conference of representatives of the Boards which would be affected and to present this matter to such representatives.

Such a conference was held in the Church of the Holy Trinity, New York, October 23, 1923. At this conference were present, besides the Committee on Boards and Committees, the following Boards: Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, Northwestern Mission Board, Immigrants Mission Board, West Indies Mission Board and the Jewish Mission Committee. The following action was taken which was reported to the Executive Board and approved: We recommend that each of the five agencies here represented be requested to appoint a committee of three members to act in conjunction with the Committee on Boards and Committees in the further consideration of the question of merging.

It is proper to state that the constitution that had been drafted by the Committee on Boards and Committees did not seem to commend itself to the Boards. In fairness it may also be said that doubt was expressed as to the wisdom of the proposed merger and that there were some who expressed themselves very strongly in that sense.

During the next three months the matter dragged slowly along. On February 14, 1924, the Committee on Boards and Committees reported to the Executive Board that it had requested the several agencies to submit for themselves a constructive plan of merger, that two of the Boards had appointed committees to confer with a view to presenting a plan for the merging of these two Boards. The Committee thought it undesirable that any two of the Home Mission agencies should merge, inasmuch as this would probably delay the larger merger which the Convention at New York in 1918 recommended and which the Convention at Buffalo also evidently had in mind. This was approved by the Executive Board. At the same time, however, the Executive Board, upon recommendation of the Committee, expressed its willingness, in case two of the Boards should wish to arrange a merger of their own, to submit the proposition to the next Convention of the United Lutheran Church.

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On April 24, 1924, under the call of the Committee on Boards and Committees, a conference of representatives of the five Home Mission Boards was held at 437 Fifth Avenue, New York. As expressing the sense of this conference the following was adopted and was reported by the Committee on Boards and Committees to the meeting of the Executive Board held May 8, 1924:

(a) "There shall be a General Board of the United Lutheran Church which shall function through the synodical authorities and shall have the power of determining the general policy, and be given such general administration as may be necessary for the harmonious co-ordination of the various Home Mission interests and Church Extension work.

(b) "It was further resolved,

"That this body of representatives appoint a sub-committee of five, one from each agency of the Church, to condense into a statement the sentiment of this meeting, and to submit this to the several Boards together with a recommendation that each Board or Committee appoint not more than two men to work out a missionary policy for the work of the United Lutheran Church. This missionary policy to be submitted to the Executive Board and through it to the Chicago Convention.

"Immediately after the adjournment of the conference, the committee of five met and adopted the following:

"Your Committee reports that during the discussions, and the various opinions expressed on the resolutions adopted, it developed that the general sentiment of the members present indicated that the adoption of section 'a' is to be considered as the simplest statement of a definite principle, the policy to be worked out later as suggested in the second resolution.

"It was also definitely understood that in the administration, by the proposed General Board, of the work now carried on by the five interested Boards to be amalgamated or merged, the Church Extension work is to be included.

"It was further brought out that by 'synodical authority' is meant a specially constituted body or committee for the carrying on of the missionary work on the territory of the Synod.

"The sentiment expressed with regard to the various missionary operations now carried on by the several Boards was that their character as causes was to be carefully preserved.

"It was definitely agreed that one of the desirable objects to be attained by this plan is the stimulation and energizing of the missionary spirit in all the Synods of the United Lutheran Church in America and to encourage and promote missionary initiative and activity.

"It is to be noted that there was an inspiring unanimity of agreement on the general principles of the plan proposed."

This was received as information.

The action above quoted was subsequently considered by the several Boards, and a committee of ten, consisting of two members from each of the Boards, met in Philadelphia, July 8, 1924, and drew up a missionary policy as requested, which was reported to the Executive Board at its meeting on July 9th and 10th by the Committee on Boards and Committees. This missionary policy thus drafted is herewith submitted in full:

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"Whereas, the United Lutheran Church at its Convention in Buffalo approved the instructions given by the Executive Board to its Committee on Boards and Committees to study the question of the determination of the spheres of operation of the Boards, and also instructed all Boards to give their fullest co-operation in this work (Minutes, Third Convention of U. L. C., p. 66) and

"Whereas, the Executive Board has approached the five Home Mission agencies concerning the possibilities of a reorganization of their work, and

"Whereas, the work of the Boards thus affected by such reorganization covers a distinctive field and some of the work, though restricted to the boundaries of a Synod, is, because of its nature, the obligation of the entire Church so that such reorganization demands the guarantee that each work shall be maintained as a distinctive cause that its appeal may not be lost to the Church at large, and

"Whereas, various conferences have been held resulting in the Boards concerned appointing a Committee of Ten to formulate a policy under which the work now being done by the five Boards might be reorganized without loss to the causes represented,

"Be it resolved, that we present to the Executive Board the following suggestions:

"(1) There shall be a General Board of the United Lutheran Church which shall function through the synodical authorities and shall have the power of determining the general policy and shall be given such general administration as may be necessary for the harmonious co-ordination of the various Home Mission interests and Church Extension work.

"(2) This Board shall be organized according to Article XIII, Sections 1 to 6 of the Constitution of the United Lutheran Church, and it shall have charge of the mission operations in the Western Hemisphere.

"(3) The Constituent Synods, under the direction and authority of the General Board, shall have charge of the missionary operations and Church Extension work on their territory, carrying on the same through a specially constituted body or committee chosen by the Synod for this purpose. Missions not organically related to a Constituent Synod shall be under the control of the General Board of the United Lutheran Church until such time as a Constituent Synod shall be organized.

"(4) This Board shall have as a special object the stimulation and energizing of a missionary spirit in all the Constituent Synods of the United Lutheran Church in America and the encouragement and promotion of synodical missionary initiative and activity.

"(5) This Board shall be charged with the promotion of new work, especially in such localities as may not be covered by Constituent Synods, and shall for the sake of preserving the several causes as causes of the entire United Lutheran Church, and of promoting their growth, call general secretaries, qualified by special knowledge of the cause which they represent, who shall advise with synodical mission authorities, present the various causes to the Church, and supervise the mission activities where no Synods exist, and these secretaries shall have the privilege of meeting with the General Board to present on an equality with all other interests the work of the agencies entering into this reorganization, and for the further protection and development of the causes represented, this Board shall have the power to departmentalize its work.

"(6) This Board, with the approval of the Executive Board, shall be authorized to receive advisory members from other Lutheran bodies co-operating in the work under its supervision.

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"(7) Inasmuch as the Home Mission work of the United Lutheran Church would require time for a successful change from the present methods of operation to the plan proposed under the reorganization, we request the Executive Board to recommend to the United Lutheran Church that the present Home Mission agencies, known as the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, the Northwestern Mission Board, the West Indies Mission Board, the Immigrants Mission Board and the Jewish Mission Committee, be empowered by the Convention at Chicago to adjust their work to the missionary policy here proposed, and be instructed to constitute the Board thus created by the Home Mission Board nominating six members, the Northwestern Mission Board nominating four, the West Indies Board nominating four, the Immigrants Mission Board nominating four, and the Jewish Mission Committee nominating three, which shall be submitted to the Executive Board as the twenty-one members of the new Board, and when so elected by the Executive Board shall, when a Constitution, Charter and Plan of Operation have been prepared by said Board and approved by the Executive Board, take over the work not later than January 1, 1926, and serve until the United Lutheran Church at its Convention in 1926 elects the membership of this Board according to the usual rules for election of Boards.

"(8) In harmony with the linguistic policy adopted at Washington and in order to preserve representation of the various interests in the future, the new Board shall be charged in making its nominations to the biennial conventions to include nominations that will represent the various interests.

"(9) The Church Extension funds now in the possession of the Boards, except such funds as are held under special conditions, shall be placed in the general fund and used without discrimination for Church Extension purposes."

The Executive Board approved suggestions (1) and (2) subject to a conference with the Board of Foreign Missions, the special reason for this being that the work of that Board in South America would be affected by the proposed new arrangement.

In place of (7) the Executive Board recommends the following as a substitute:

Inasmuch as the Home Mission work of the United Lutheran Church would require time for a successful change from the present methods of operation to the plan proposed under this reorganization, we request the Executive Board to recommend to the United Lutheran Church that the present Home Mission agencies, known as the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, the Northwestern Mission Board, the West Indies Mission Board, the Immigrants Mission Board and the Jewish Mission Committee, be empowered by the Convention at Chicago to adjust their work to the missionary policy here proposed, and be instructed to constitute a Joint Commission by the Home Mission Board nominating six members, the Northwestern Mission Board nominating four, the West Indies Mission Board nominating four, the Immigrants Mission Board nominating four, and the Jewish Mission Committee nominating three, which shall be submitted to the Executive Board as the twenty-one members of a Joint Commission, functioning for the Boards, and when so elected by the Executive Board shall, when a Constitution, Charter and Plan of Operation have been prepared by said Joint Commission and approved by the Executive Board, take over the work not later than January 1, 1926, if possible, and

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serve until the United Lutheran Church at its Convention in 1926 elects the membership of this Board according to the usual rules for election of Boards.

Likewise the Board recommends the following as a substitute for 8:

In harmony with the linguistic policy adopted at Washington, and in order to preserve representation of the various interests as necessary, in the future, the new Board shall be charged, in making its nominations to the biennial conventions, to include nominations that will represent the various interests.

With these slight changes the proposition and plan receives the approval of the Executive Board and is recommended to this Convention of The United Lutheran Church in America.

3. *The Visitation of Synods by Board Secretaries, etc.* (See III, A, 4.)

4. *Concerning Church Extension Funds*:

(a) In November, 1922, the Board of Northwestern Missions, having before it "many urgent and legitimate requests for loans" which that Board found itself unable to entertain because of lack of Church Extension funds, took action requesting the aid of the Executive Board in approaching the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension with a view to making the Church Extension funds of the latter Board available for congregations under the jurisdiction of the Board of Northwestern Missions. At the same time the Northwestern Mission Board authorized its Executive Committee to take whatever steps might be found necessary in the premises.

The Executive Board through its Committee on Boards and Committees approached the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension with reference to two needy and worthy missions under the jurisdiction of the Board of Northwestern Missions, giving an itemized statement of the membership, finances and amount of loan required, with reference to each of the mission congregations. As a result the Board of Home Missions agreed to grant a loan of $5000 to satisfy a mortgage upon the church property at Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, provided the application should come to them in regular form. The Board of Home Missions and Church Extension further agreed to grant a loan of $5000 to the mission in Guttenberg, Iowa, also under the jurisdiction of the Northwestern Mission Board, with the understanding that a first mortgage on the property should be given them.

(b) In the spring of 1923 at a conference of a special committee of the Board of Northwestern Missions with the officers of the Church, it was discovered that the financial conditions of the said board were embarassing and the committee asked that some relief be provided.

Upon the suggestion of the officers, the Executive Board requested the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension to take over, from the Board of Northwestern Missions, certain extension loans amounting to about $20,000, which would return that sum to the treasury of the Board

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of Northwestern Missions and make it available for current expenses. The Executive Board has received no information of compliance with this request.

5. *Port Work Transferred:* The port work, so important in connection with immigration, was temporarily placed in the hands of the Immigrants Mission Board subject to final arrangements with the officers of the Church. There was some misunderstanding as to the exact character and scope of these operations. The Immigrants Mission Board, however, operated to the best of its ability, especially when consideration is given to that Board's lack of funds for such work.

After conference of the officers with the Boards concerned and with individuals, it was recommended that the Inner Mission Board be requested to take present charge of the port work, the officers of the Church continuing a watchful interest in the development thereof. The Inner Mission Board was thus recommended because such work is quite generally regarded as a part of Inner Mission activity and because that Board seemed in a better position financially to take charge of this work. Full understanding was reached with the Inner Mission Board that the activities must have regard for the chief ports of entry, other United States ports, Canadian interests, information to pastors at the destination of immigrants, care for those immigrants in whom the Immigrants Mission Board is especially interested, and helpful contacts with European operations of a similar character.

The Executive Board recommends your approval of this arrangement for the present.

B—In Particular

1—*Foreign Mission Board:*

(a) In view of the fact that an appeal of the National Lutheran Council for world service was approved, which appeal was set for the early part of the year 1924, the Executive Board requested the Board of Foreign Missions to bring to a close its special appeal for $300,000, to remove the deficit of their current fund and extend their work in the mission field, on or before December 31, 1923.

(b) The Executive Board, upon request of the Board of Foreign Missions, gave its approval to a special appeal for Japan Earthquake Relief.

(c) Vacancy filled: On nomination of the Board Paul Van Reed Miller, Esq., was elected ad interim to fill a vacancy in this Board.

2—*Board of Home Missions and Church Extension:*

(a) In accordance with the recommendation of the Committee on Proceedings of Constituent Synods (see Minutes 1922 p. 424) the work among the Siebenburgers was transferred by the Executive Board from the jurisdiction of the Immigrants Mission Board to the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.

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(b) The following statement of policy concerning co-operation with other Lutheran bodies was submitted by the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension and received the approval of the Executive Board:

Whereas, in our Home Mission Work, a number of instances calling for adjustment or co-operation with other Lutheran Bodies have arisen,
Whereas, the United Lutheran Church has left the details of such a policy of adjustment and co-operation with the Board,
Whereas, the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension as a result of this action has a standing Committee on Co-operation with other Lutheran Bodies,
Whereas, it is very desirable that a uniform policy be adopted for the approach of all instances demanding adjustment or co-operation, therefore
Resolved, That the Board favors the appointment of synodical sub-committees subject to the Board's Committee on Co-operation with other Lutheran Bodies.

The Executive Board recommends the approval of the same by this convention.

(c) Vacancies filled: The following were duly elected ad interim to fill vacancies in the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension: Mr. A. Raymond Bard, Mr. G. F. Greiner, Mr. John F. Kramer, Prof. S. J. Derrick.

3—*Northwestern Mission Board:*

Upon recommendation of the Finance Committee the income from the Sotter Fund of nearly $10,000 (see Minutes 1922, p. 94) was appropriated to the Northwestern Mission Board for the year 1923.

4—*Immigrants Mission Board:*

(a) In accordance with the action of the Buffalo Convention the Executive Board called attention of the Immigrants Mission Board to the problem of undertaking missionary operations among the Asiatics on the Pacific Coast. That Board replied that no work could be taken up by it for the present because of lack of funds.

(b) There was reported to the Executive Board in December, 1922, that there existed some misunderstanding between the Immigrants Mission Board and the Synodical Board of Missions of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania relative to supervision of the Italian mission work in the city of Philadelphia, formerly established and maintained by the Ministerium of Pennsylvania but latterly yielded, by action of the Ministerium, to the direct oversight of the Immigrants Mission Board. The Executive Board was asked to define the relation of the Italian work to the Ministerium of Pennsylvania. The Board took action as follows:

Concerning the relation of the Italian Mission Work in Philadelphia to the Home Mission Board of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, the Executive Board regards as ideal the relationship existing between the Home Mission and Church Extension Board of the United Lutheran Church and the Synodical Mission Boards and would recommend a similar relationship on the part of the Immigrants Mission Board.

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(c) Vacancies filled: Mr. Grant Hultberg and Mr. J. Ruzicka were elected ad interim to fill vacancies in this Board.

5—*West Indies Mission Board:*

(a) The material of a comprehensive survey of Negro work in the United States, prepared by the Executive Secretary of the West Indies Mission Board, was referred to the Executive Board by the Buffalo Convention with authority to publish such parts of the survey as might be considered helpful in arousing and informing the Church upon this subject. In view of the proposed merger of home mission agencies of the United Lutheran Church, which would materially affect the solution of this problem, the Executive Board thought it best to defer action for the present.

(b) Vacancies filled: On nomination of this Board the Rev. Dr. W. D. C. Keiter and G. E. Neff, Esq., were duly elected to fill vacancies which occurred ad interim.

6—*Board of Education:*

(a) At the request of this Board permission was given to circularize Kropp and Breklum graduates in this country for special gifts for those institutions.

(b) Vacancy filled: Wm. J. Showalter, Sc. D,. was duly elected ad interim to fill a vacancy in this Board.

7—*Inner Mission Board:*

(a) The report on lay service in the Church adopted by the Buffalo Convention (Minutes, pp. 99-104) was referred to the Inner Mission Board with the request that they give practical effect to the recommendations in that report as far as possible.

(b) Vacancies filled: The Reverends J. J. Scherer, Jr., and F. B. Clausen were elected to fill vacancies in this board.

8—*Board of Publication:*

Vacancy filled: Mr. Otto W. Osterlund was elected to fill a vacancy in this board.

9—*Board of Ministerial Relief:*

(a) The Committee on Boards and Committees held a conference with a special committee of the Board of Ministerial Relief to discuss the time for the campaign for a $3,000,000 endowment for that board, which was authorized by the United Lutheran Church in Convention at Buffalo. It was agreed by all that the firm establishment and development of our apportionment system is most important at the present time to the welfare of the Church and that nothing should be done by any of the boards that would interfere with this endeavor. An agreement was reached which was reported to the Board of Ministerial Relief by its own special committee and to the Executive Board by its Committee.

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The terms of this agreement as adopted by the Executive Board are as follows:

(1) That no other campaign shall be authorized prior to the one of the Board of Ministerial Relief.
(2) That it shall be made to mark the tenth anniversary of the organization of the United Lutheran Church, and
(3) That a period of one year preceding said anniversary and six months succeeding shall be given to the Board for campaign purposes.

The Executive Board recommends the adoption of this by the Convention.

(b) The Executive Board was requested by the Board of Ministerial Relief to approve the change of its corporate title to "Board of Ministerial Pensions and Relief of the United Lutheran Church in America." The request seemed to be based upon an interpretation of the words "Pensions" and "Relief" as used by this board in the administration of its work, the interpretation being that the two forms of help represented by these two terms are essentially different.

This request is reported to the Convention with the recommendation that it be not granted.

(c) Vacancy filled: Mr. Peter Hagan was duly elected to fill a vacancy in this board.

10—*Parish and Church-School Board:*

(a) The Executive Committee of the Parish and Church-School Board requested consent of the Executive Board to the establishment by said Parish and Church-School Board of a relationship with the International Sunday School Council of Religious Education. The Parish and Church-School Board could not report itself as satisfied with the method of organization and representation of this Council. Accordingly the Executive Board took the following action:

"Whereas, the Parish and Church School Board has made certain presentations and requests with respect to its work and its relations to the International Sunday School Council of Religious Education;
"Therefore, (1) Resolved, that we approve the existing relationship which consists in membership on the International Lesson Committee;
"(2) *Resolved,* That any further relationships for the development of our general educational program and the safeguarding of the spiritual welfare of our constituency shall require the approval of the Executive Board before established by the Parish and Church-School Board.
"(3) *Resolved,* That they use their influence to correct any irregularity in the organization of the Council so that the principle of proper representation shall be preserved.
"(4) *Resolved,* That while agreeing to Resolution 1, we request the Parish and Church-School Board to use its influence against promiscuous affiliation with general organizations and the use of literature not immediately prepared or promoted by our own Parish and Church School Board;

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"(5) *Resolved,* That we suggest to the Parish and Church-School Board as rapidly as possible to develop and provide adequate literature for Sunday Schools, Week-Day Schools and Daily Vacation Bible Schools, which in method and content is in complete harmony with Lutheran teaching and practice."

The Executive Board also authorized the Parish and Church-School Board to appoint a Friendly Visitor on the Committee of Week-Day Religious Education of the Council. The Board recommends the approval of this action.

(b) A question was raised by the Parish and Church-School Board as to the spheres of authority of that Board and the Common Service Book Committee in regard to the matter of the preparation of Sunday School Hymnals. Committees representing these two agencies respectively were convened under the auspices of the Committee on Boards and Committees and agreed upon the following statement which was approved by the Executive Board:

"The action of the United Lutheran Church establishes the principle of joint responsibility by the Parish and Church-School Board and the Common Service Book Committee in the matter of determining the character and approving the details of Sunday School Hymnals.

"The duty of initiative and active preparation is committed to the Parish and Church-School Board, limited by the specific requirement of 'consultation with the Common Service Book Committee' whose general authority 'in all matters pertaining to the worship of the Church' is thus recognized, with the specific authority in the matter of Sunday School Hymnals as an item definitely 'referred to it by the Church.' (Min. 3d Convention, p. 293).

"The question is, therefore, one of method. In the interest of successful co-operation and best results, it is agreed that preliminary plans covering the scope, character, arrangement and general contents of a Sunday School Hymnal or Hymnals and with respect to services and hymns and their music shall be prepared by a sub-committee of the Parish and Church-School Board and discussed in full with a sub-committee of the Common Service Book Committee.

"The details of the plan which may jointly be agreed upon shall then be completed by the sub-commitee of the Parish and Church-School Board in occasional consultation with the sub-committee of the Common Service Book Committee and after agreement by the joint sub-committee shall be submitted to the Parish and Church-School Board and the Common Service Book Committee meeting in joint or separate session as may later be determined."

This is recommended to the Convention for adoption.

(c) A request that it be recognized as the function of the Parish and Church-School Board to supervise all programs for use in the schools of the United Lutheran Church was answered by the following action: That in the preparation of special programs for use in the Sunday schools the several boards confer with the Parish and Church-School Board.

(d) Vacancy filled: Prof. Gilbert P. Voigt was elected ad interim to fill a vacancy in this board.

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11—*Board of Deaconess Work:*

(a) A request of the Deaconess Board that Septuagesima Sunday of each year be appointed as a day for special appeal by pastors for the enlistment of candidates for the deaconess calling was answered by the Executive Board as follows: "In order to avoid a multiplication of special days we recommend that the Deaconess Board seek co-operation with the Board of Education in the matter of a general appeal concerning life callings."

(b) Vacancy filled: Rev. J. F. Crigler was elected ad interim to fill a vacancy in this board.

12—*Board of the National Lutheran Home for the Aged:*

(a) The relation of this institution to the United Lutheran Church has not yet been determined.

(b) Vacancy filled: Mr. Harry L. Snyder was elected ad interim to fill a vacancy in this board.

13—*Laymen's Movement:*

(a) In accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of the Laymen's Movement adopted at Buffalo (see Min., p. 111) the President, with the approval of the Executive Board, appointed as members of the Executive Committee, Treasurer E. Clarence Miller, Mr. H. C. Miller, Mr. W. H. Hager, Mr. F. Henrich, Hon. J. L. Zimmerman and as members of the Administrative Committee, Treasurer E. Clarence Miller, Mr. H. C. Miller and Mr W. H. Hager.

(b) The Executive Board has authorized the Every Member Canvass by the Laymen's Movement for this fall, has instructed the Laymen's Movement to seek the co-operation of synodical commiteees in the development of the canvass, and approved the publication of a booklet, as has been done for several years, with the request that all boards cooperate in the preparation of material and in the bearing of expenses.

The Executive Board asks authority of the Convention to have issued annually, in connection with the Every Member Canvass, a booklet, such as has been previously issued, descriptive of the work of such boards as it believes should be included, the expense to be borne proportionately by these boards.

(c) In order to aid the Every Member Canvas conducted by the Laymen's Movement the Executive Board recommends the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, First, That in view of the great importance of securing full information governing the annual Every Member Canvass, all pastors and church officials be urged to make prompt and full reply to all official communications addressed to them by the Laymen's Movement of the United Lutheran Church.

Second, That the passing of a similar resolution and the planning of

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means necessary to assure prompt replies to such communications be commended to the Constituent Synods.

(d) The Laymen's Movement was requested to take into consideration the support of such students, as are not otherwise provided for, upon recommendation from the President of The United Lutheran Church in America.

C—Standing Committees

1—Common Service Book Committee:

Its part in the preparation of Sunday School Hymnals. (See IV, B, 10, b).

2—Committee on Evangelism:

Suggestions of the inauguration of a campaign whereby the indifferent in our Church membership might be reclaimed and the faith which we confess might be set before the unchurched were referred to the Committee on Evangelism by the Executive Board with an expression of a deep conviction of the vital importance of this matter to the life and work of the Church. Special emphasis was laid upon the importance of providing suitable literature on this subject for our pastors and people. The Committee on Evangelism actively assumed the responsibility laid upon them and labored diligently in the prosecution of its task, at the same time exercising great care to guard the Church against the dangers which might easily arise in connection with the emphasis which it gave to the subject of evangelism.

3—Women's Missionary Society:

(a) The Executive Board records its appreciation of an appropriation of $2,000 per annum for two years to the Inner Mission Board by the Women's Missionary Society of the United Lutheran Church, the special object being to assist in the port work under the direction of the Inner Mission Board.

Subject to the approval of the Executive Board this Society appropriated $10,000 for the Margaret Mehring Annuity toward the establishment of a mountain school in Virginia to be known as the "Margaret Mehring School." The Society also included in its budget sufficient funds for the maintenance of the work to be paid through the Inner Mission Board.

The Executive Board cordially gave its approval to this new line of work and rejoices in the wide and helpful view which the Women's Missionary Society takes of its sphere of operations.

(b) Upon petition to the Executive Board for consent to closer counsel and co-operation between the Women's Missionary Societies of the various Lutheran bodies in America, the Board expressed its appreciation of the loyalty of the Women's Missionary Society to the

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organized work of the United Lutheran Church and answered their petition with its approval.

(c) In connection with the Lutheran World Convention at Eisenach the group of Lutheran women there assembled met to consider the possibility of forming an international committee which shall include the Lutheran women's groups all over the world. Those present assumed the responsibility of carrying this message to their own home groups, asking them to appoint from their number one who shall represent them in this international committee. Where the women's groups are already organized, as is the case in America, it was agreed that such a representative might be nominated by her own board; and it was recommended that, where no organized group exists, a committee of about fifteen women be selected who shall choose one of their number to represent them. The following preliminary resolutions were adopted by the women assembled at Eisenach.

To select a small working committee from those here assembled to help to form the basis for an international committee of Lutheran women which shall include the Lutheran women's groups in every country.

To select a committee in every country to inaugurate a movement to establish relations between Lutheran women's groups in all lands. These committees shall select their members for the standing international committee.

The task of this international committee shall be to call together the Lutheran women of all countries for a gathering in connection with the next Lutheran World Convention.

The Executive Board of our Women's Missionary Society accepted these preliminary resolutions and reported their action to the Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church.

The Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church approved this step on the part of the Women's Missionary Society, instructing them, however, to take no steps whatsoever excepting in conference with the Committee which plans the next Lutheran World Convention.

4. *Committee on Army and Navy Work*:

(a) Having been officially notified by the President of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania of an action of that body concerning the discontinuance by it of the work at League Island Navy Yard and provision made whereby work might be taken up and carried forward by the proper agency of the United Lutheran Church, the Executive Board requested the Committee on Army and Navy Work to make every effort to resume the work at League Island Navy Yard.

(b) The special appropriation of $4,500 for Army and Navy Work authorized by the United Lutheran Church at Buffalo (see Minutes, 1922, page 131) was paid in full to the Committee.

5. *Boys' Work Committee*:

The resolution of the Buffalo Convention, requesting the Executive Board to reserve for the use of this Committee the sum of $2,000, together

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with a ruling of the President to the effect that the resolution would practically mean that the Executive Board should grant the amount asked if the state of the treasury would permit (see Minutes, 1922, p. 296), was referred by the Executive Board to the Finance Committee. The expenses incurred by the Boys' Work Committee have been paid, as have the expenses of other committees, on order of the President and Secretary.

6. *Committee on Associations of Young People*:

The Committee on Associations of Young People requested the Executive Board to set apart the Sunday nearest to Luther's birthday as Young People's Day. It was proposed that the Luther League of America provide and distribute a program to be used at the evening service of the churches and that the offering received at said service be given to the Luther League of America. In regard to this request the Executive Board took the following action:

That the Church has already set apart the Reformation Season for a presentation of the cause of Home Missions;

That the Executive Board has no authority delegated to it to set apart days for such special purposes and offerings; the Church in Convention should act upon such request;

That, having knowledge of the fact that the Luther League in America is aiming to secure a number of sustaining members whose contributions are to further the purposes of the League, we strongly endorse this effort.

7—Committee on Publicity:

(a) Inasmuch as we have two agencies for the service of our Church in the matter of publicity, namely, our standing Committee on Publicity and the Publicity Department of the National Lutheran Council, the Committee on Boards and Committees was requested to undertake the co-ordination or harmonious adjustment of these two agencies. Both of these agencies showed a readiness in every way to meet the desire of the Church. With the sole intention to secure the best possible publicity for the Chicago Convention by the co-ordination of these agencies under a direction with means and facilities for effective service, the Executive Board, upon recommendation of its Committee, adopted the following:

That for the publicity purposes of the Chicago Convention the heads of these two publicity agencies be requested to establish a partnership in the direction of these operatinos.

That the Executive Director of the National Lutheran Council be given the general direction of these operations with authority.

That in the matter of expenses consultation be held with the officers of the Church.

(b) A suggestion that during the Convention a daily bulletin be printed was submitted for consideration to those in charge of the matter of publicity.

8—Archivist:

For documents and materials forwarded to the Archives, see report of the Archivist.

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9—*Statistical Secretary*:

The Reverend G. L. Kieffer was re-elected by the Board as Statistical Secretary for the term of two years at a salary of $500 per annum.

10—*Transportation Committee:*

(a) Upon the recommendation of this Committee the Executive Board requested the Chairman of the Committee to inform Presidents of all Constituent Synods, Secretaries of Boards and others concerned that, in the interest of better transportation facilities, the Executive Board earnestly desires that all persons seeking passes apply for them through the Transportation Committee of the United Lutheran Church.

(b) In accordance with action of the Executive Board, the Rev. John M. Bramkamp, of Chicago, was appointed by the President as an additional member of the Committee on Transportation and was appointed by the Committee as Transportation Secretary for the West. Dr. Bramkamp accepted his appointment and has been active in the service of the Church.

(c) Under instruction of the Executive Board a sub-committee of the Committee on Transportation took up, in the spring of 1923, with the Federal Council of Churches, the question of a co-operative effort to secure annual passes in a limited number from the eastern railroads. Several conferences were held under the auspices of the Federal Council and were attended by transportation representatives of a number of the larger denominations, including our own United Lutheran Church. It was agreed that a special effort should be made and in the fall of 1923 a small committee was appointed to lay the matter before the railroad authorities. As yet we have had no report from that committee.

V. INSTITUTIONS

1—*Saskatoon Seminary:*

The Convention at Buffalo having approved of the recommendations of the Board of Education concerning provision of funds for the completion of the Saskatoon Seminary and having authorized the Executive Board to arrange for the funds immediately necessary (see Min. 1922, p. 504), the Executive Board made a loan of $5,000 to this institution soon after the Convention. The Board of Education undertook to secure through the synods, gifts from the congregations to make up the amount of this loan. Within a few months $3,500 had been returned to the treasury leaving $1,500 still due on the loan. The necessities of the Saskatoon Institution, because of their building operations, being very great they appealed for a reloan of $2,500 of the $3,500 which they had paid back. Since it was learned, that, subsequent to the request for an additional loan of $2,500, the Board of Education had remitted about $1,000 to the Saskatoon Institution, the Executive Board authorized its

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officers to reloan $1,500 provided promise of repayment during the present biennium be made.

2—Chicago Seminary:

The Chicago Seminary reported to the Executive Board its readiness to arrange in 1924 to have its directors chosen from such synods of the United Lutheran Church as are ready to assume and promote the moral and financial trust now committed to the Board of said Seminary. It was further asked that the Executive Board request said synods to appoint committees which shall in conjunction with the Board of Directors of the Seminary formulate plans by which the directors from the various synods may be elected.

The Executive Board requested its President to act on its behalf for the ends above stated. On April 19, 1923, the President held an informal conference at Cleveland, Ohio, with the Presidents of the Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Northwest, Ohio and Pittsburgh Synods, which synods are now represented on the Board of Directors of the Chicago Seminary.

As a result of that conference and with the concurrence of the synodical Presidents mentioned President Knubel reported to the Executive Board that there seemed to be a reasonable hope that sufficient synodical consent might be secured in order to carry out the readiness expressed by the Board of Directors of the Chicago Seminary. For this purpose it did not seem desirable to approach formally the Ohio and Pittsburgh Synods for the appointment of committees to confer with the Chicago Seminary Board. The Executive Board might, however, so approach the Illinois Synod; similarily a request might be addressed to the Indiana and Michigan Synods, asking the appointment of such a committee, the understanding being that any ultimate formal relationship of those synods to the Chicago Seminary is not to interfere with their former relationship to Wittenberg College and Hamma Divinity School. A request might likewise be addressed to the Synod of the Northwest for an expression of its good will and the appointment of a committee to confer on that basis.

The Executive Board thereupon took the following action:

Resolved, That we approve of the steps so far taken, but believe that the point has now been reached when any further steps should be taken by the Chicago Seminary Board itself and that we report to said Board that as a result of the recent conference held in Cleveland, Ohio, it is our judgment that the Chicago Seminary Board might now properly approach such contiguous synods as they may think likely to co-operate with them, leaving it to these synods to determine their relation to the Chicago Seminary.

This action was promptly communicated to the Board of Directors of the Chicago Seminary by the Secretary.

The following letter was received from the Secretary of the Board

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of Directors and submitted to the Executive Board at its meeting October 24, 1923:

October 16, 1923.

The Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D.D.,
437 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Sir and Brother:

Replying to your communication of May 18th in re the matter of synodical control of the Chicago Seminary, would say that the Board of Directors of the Seminary at the meeting on October 3d passed the following action:

"*Resolved,* That we reply to the Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church and restate our willingness to co-operate as per our action of April, 1922, and that we again suggest that we are ready to receive overtures from such synods as are ready to assume the necessary moral and financial obligations and that the Executive Committee is hereby authorized to receive any such overtures."

On motion it was further resolved, to send a copy of this report to the synods mentioned in your report of May 18th.

An additional resolution was also passed that copies should be sent to the Ohio and Pittsburgh Synods as a matter of information and courtesy.

Permit me here to restate the action of April, 1922:

"*Resolved,* That the Chicago Seminary accepts the principle enunciated by the United Lutheran Church in America at its convention at Washington

"*Resolved,* That according to the action of the Executive Board, the Chicago Seminary is ready in 1924 to have its directors chosen from such synods of the United Lutheran Church as are ready and willing to assume and promote the moral and financial trust now committed to the Board of Directors of said Seminary.

"*Resolved,* That in order properly to consummate this change in the policy of our institution, we suggest that the Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church in America request said synods to appoint committees, which in conjunction with the Board of Directors of the Seminary shall formulate plans by which the directors of the various synods may be elected. I might state that the board regretted exceedingly that your communication was too late for action at the spring meeting.

Very sincerely,
(Signed) J. ALLEN LEAS,
Secretary.

The Executive Board then took the following action: *Resolved,* That we note the fact that the Board of Directors of the Chicago Seminary has sent a copy of its action, as given in the letter of October 16, 1923, to the synods concerned, and that we regard the matter thereby concluded.

3—*Pacific Seminary:* (See III, B, 3)

4—*National Lutheran Home for the Aged:* (See IV, B, 12)

5—*Feghtley Home:*

The title to this institution is vested in the General Synod which body elected directors at its last meeting. The question as to whether or not

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the title might be transferred by the General Synod to one of the Constituent Synods of the United Lutheran Church was referred to the Legal Committee of the Executive Board and the General Synod was instructed to take, at its meeting in Chicago, action upon this matter for the guidance of the Legal Committee.

VI. CO-ORDINATIONS

1—*Of Agencies Working With the Children and Young People of the Church:*

After numerous conferences of representatives of the Women's Missionary Society, the Luther League and the Parish and Church-School Board, an agreement was reached which was submitted to the Executive Board in the following form:

"Whereas, It is our judgment that the work of the Luther League and that of the Women's Missionary Society are of a different character in the development of their programs, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That we request the Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church to permit the work among the children in the United Lutheran Church to remain in statu quo for the time being and a committee be appointed of equal representation from the Parish and Church-School Board, the Women's Missionary Society and the Luther League by the respective agencies to co-ordinate programs.

"Young People: The Young People's question having been definitely and conclusively settled when the United Lutheran Church in America made the Luther League of America its official young people's organization, the Luther League of America at the same time realizing the need of young women's missionary societies therefore waives its right to dispute the question of the missionary training of the young women, there really existing no conflict between the young women's missionary societies and Luther League, and the Women's Missionary Society waives the right that is given to it by its Constitution to organize Young People's Societies and in accord with the policy of co-ordination reports that it has changed its Young People's Department to Young Women's Department."

In connection with these statements the conference adopted also the following:

"That we have in this paper a basis which, while not entirely satisfactory, may be accepted as a basis on the lines of which the two organizations may seek to reach a complete understanding and solution of the problem of work with the children and young people."

As a matter of interpretation the committee agreed by the words "in statu quo" it is to be understood that the field of the Light Brigade is from birth to confirmation; that the Women's Missionary Society is

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at liberty to work among girls and young women of any age, and that the Luther League is at liberty to continue its work through its Junior, Intermediate and Senior Departments, train its members in accordance with the constitution of its several departments.

The Executive Board approved of these propositions and directed the President of the Parish and Church-School Board to call the committee together and put the plans agreed upon into operation as soon as possible.

2. In relation to the preparation of Sunday School Hymnals. (See IV, B, 10).

VII. FINANCE

1. In accordance with the instructions of the United Lutheran Church the Treasurer has given bond in the sum of $50,000, with the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company of Baltimore, Md., as security.

2—Auditors:

The firm of Lybrand, Ross Brothers and Montgomery was appointed as Auditors of the Boards for the years 1923 and 1924.

3—Budget:

(a) The Executive Board submits the following budget for the years 1926 and 1927:

Board of	Amount	Percentage
Foreign Missions	$600,000	30.00
Home Missions and Church Extension	538,000	26.90
Northwestern Missions	75,000	3.75
Immigrants Missions	52,000	2.60
West Indies Missions	77,000	3.85
Jewish Missions	19,000	.95
Education	175,000	8.75
Parish and Church School	17,000	.85
Inner Missions	25,000	1.25
Ministerial Relief	235,000	11.75
Deaconess Work	42,000	2.10
National Home for the Aged	20,000	1.00
Tabitha Home	13,000	.65
Lowman Home	4,000	.20
National Lutheran Council	23,000	1.15
American Bible Society	5,000	.25
United Lutheran Church Treasury	80,000	4.00
	$2,000,000	100.00

4. The Board recommends the adoption of the following as a standing resolution:

Resolved, That the Convention shall not finally vote appropriations in addition to and above those budgeted until they have first been referred to the Budget Committee for report to the Convention.

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5—*Concerning uniformity of method in division of apportionment funds:*

Believing it to be highly important that uniformity of method obtain among our synods in their division of apportionment funds as between the synod and the United Lutheran Church, that the same basis of good faith and fairness may prevail, the Executive Board recommends:

(a) That each of the synods be requested to prepare annually a budget which shall include all payments to be made by it; and that money received for the joint budgets of synod and the United Lutheran Church be proportionately divided between them.

(b) That where any department of work of a synod is under the supervision of one of the Boards of the United Lutheran Church and supported by it, no additional place be given on the budget of the synod.

6. The Board recommends that the United Lutheran Church authorize its Treasurer to make such payments on behalf of boards as have been or shall be approved by it, whenever such payments have not been made by the boards themselves, and to deduct same from the apportionment distributions to boards.

7—*The Sotter Trust:*

With the approval of the Executive Board $3,000.00 Constantin Refining Company First Mortgage Bonds belonging to the Sotter Trust (see Min. 1922, p. 94) have been exchanged for $3,000 Altoona & Logan Valley First Mortgage 4½'s.

8—*The Swygert Fund:*

Hon. C. M. Efird, Treasurer of the Southern Lutheran Theological Seminary handed to the Treasurer of the United Lutheran Church a certified copy of the decree of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Richland, State of South Carolina, appointing the said Seminary as the new trustee for the S. C. Swygert bequest. Accordingly the Treasurer delivered to the said Seminary the investments and all papers belonging to said Trust.

The Executive Board approved of this action.

9—*The Cover Fund:*

Likewise Judge Efird presented a decree from the Virginia Court appointing the Bank of Salem, Va., as trustee for the Cover Fund and requested that the Treasurer transmit this fund to the newly appointed trustee. In accordance with instructions of the Executive Board, the Treasurer stated all the securities and cash belonging to the Cover Trust were delivered to the Bank of Salem, Va., and took a proper receipt.

10. The Executive Board recommends that the offerings taken at this Convention be given to the Board of Ministerial Relief.

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VIII. NATIONAL LUTHERAN COUNCIL

1. The Executive Board approved of an appeal to the churches by the National Lutheran Council for $1,500,000 for World Service and designated the early part of the year 1924 for such an appeal.

2. Our Commission to the National Lutheran Council reported that at its meeting in Pittsburgh in January, 1924, the Council had taken action concerning the publication of the Lutheran World Almanac. It was decided (a) That it be given the character of a condensed book of reference, giving summarized facts concerning the Lutheran Church in America and in the world. (b) That it be issued biennially, provided approximately $5000 to cover probable deficit be assumed by publication houses or by the general bodies themselves, in the form of an addition to the budget.

When it had been ascertained that the Publication Boards were not willing to assume the responsibility in view of the fact that a sufficient number of advance subscriptions could not be secured to insure publication without a serious deficit, a meeting of the Budget Committee of the Council was held and the Executive Director of the National Lutheran Council was instructed to appoint a Committee on Almanac, with himself as chairman, and appeal to the general bodies for a subsidy sufficient to make possible the issuance of the Lutheran World Almanac.

The request for a subsidy was for one year only.

The Executive Board took action acceding to the request up to the stipulated amount, on condition that care be given, as the Council itself directed, to the condensed character of the book and, on the further condition, that this subsidy is to provide merely for any lack in the publishing cost of the book and not for the editing thereof.

3. *Correction*:

In the Minutes of the Buffalo Convention (page 456) a cablegram was reported as having been received from Dr. Larsen. This cablegram was forwarded to Buffalo from the office of the National Lutheran Council with the statement that it came from Dr. Larsen who was then in Russia. It was discovered later that the cablegram was sent by the Rev. W. L. Scheding who was also in Russia in the service of the National Lutheran Council.

IX. RELATIONS WITH OTHER LUTHERAN CHURCH BODIES IN AMERICA

The Rev. J. A. Singmaster was appointed as official visitor to the Augustana Synod in 1923, and the Rev. F. G. Gotwald to the Augustana and Icelandic Synods in 1924. They reported that they had been most cordially received and given assurances of appreciation of the friendly relations manifested by the United Lutheran Church.

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X. LUTHERAN WORLD CONVENTION

A. *Arrangements*:

The Joint Committee on Lutheran World Convention representing several different bodies of Lutherans in America, reported to the Executive Board in February, 1923, that the Convention would meet at Eisenach in Thuringia, August 20th to 26th, of that year. That a call for the meeting had been issued, signed by the Presidents of the National Lutheran Council and the Allgemeine Konferenz. This call was sent to all the Lutheran Church bodies in America, those outside the National Lutheran Council as well as those within it. The representation of American bodies was fixed at one for every 100,000 communicants, the European representation at approximately one for every 500,000 baptized members, making the membership of the Convention 175 to 200. The European invitations were issued, not to Churches, but to individuals and free organizations. Invitations were extended to representative men in the following countries: (1) Germany, including the following States: Bavaria, Brunswick, Bremen, Hamburg, Hanover, Hesse, Danzig, Hesse-Nassau, Luebeck, Oldenburg, Saxony, Schleswig-Holstein, Schwerin, Strelitz, Thuringia, Wurttemberg; a few invitations also in Prussia; (2) Czecho-Slovakia, (3) Jugo-Slavia, (4) Hungary, (5) Rumania, (6) Austria, (7) Poland, (8) Lithuania, (9) Latvia, (10) Esthonia, (11) Russia, (12) Finland, (13) Sweden, (14) Norway, (15) Denmark, (16) Holland, (17) France. Members were to be invited from India, China, Australia, Iceland and Brazil. It was planned that Bishop Ihmels, of Saxony, should preside over the opening session; the Presidents of other sessions to be chosen by the Convention.

A program had been tentatively fixed consisting of three chief topics, namely, (1) The Ecumenical Character of Lutheranism; (2) The Confessions as the Indispensable Basis of the Lutheran Church; (3) "That They May All Be One"—What can the Lutheran Church contribute to this end? Other subjects that were chosen for discussion were: (1) Foreign Mission Problems; (2) The Support of the Lutheran Churches by One Another; (3) The Diaspora; (4) Inner Mission Problems. It was decided that the official languages of the Convention should be German and English. At the opening of the Convention commissions were to be appointed which would frame the resolutions of the Convention on any subjects that might require such action.

This program having been adopted by the International Committee and by that of the National Lutheran Council, subject to slight modifications, was approved also by the committee of representatives of the United Lutheran Church.

Drs. J. A. Morehead and C. T. Benze were asked to act as the American representatives in the International Committee.

The National Lutheran Council was requested to advance such sums of

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money as might be necessary to finance the preliminary arrangements of the Convention, these sums to be repaid by the bodies participating in the ratio of their communicant membership. These requests received the approval of the Council.

As regards the selection of speakers the American Joint Committee took the following action: (1) It expressed its earnest wish that Bishop Ihmels consent to prepare the paper on the subject, "The Ecumenical Character of Lutheranism"; (2) That it urge Dr. Morehead to accept the invitation of the International Committee to speak on the subject, "The Support of the Lutheran Churches by One Another"; (3) It asked Dr. F. H. Knubel to prepare and present the paper on the subject, "That They All May Be One."

The United Lutheran Church having authorized the Executive Board to appoint representatives to attend the Lutheran World Convention and having chosen President Knubel to be the Chairman of the delegation (See Minutes, 1922, pp. 322 and 421) the Board elected eight delegates, making the complete list as follows:

Principals

Rev. F. H. Knubel, D.D., LL.D.
Rev. C. M. Jacobs, D.D.
Mr. E. Clarence Miller, LL.D.
Rev. J. A. Morehead, D.D., LL.D.
Rev. J. L. Neve, D.D.
Rev. A. G. Voigt, D.D., LL.D.
Rev. A. R. Wentz, Ph.D., D.D.
Rev. F. F. Fry, D.D.
Rev. E. Hoffman, D.D.

The following were elected as alternates, the first to serve as alternate for the first on the list of principals; the second for the second, etc.:

Alternates

Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D.D.
Rev. H. Offerman, D.D.
Hon. F. M. Riter, LL.D.
Rev. C. T. Benze, D.D.
Rev. V. G. A. Tressler, D.D., Ph.D.
Rev. J. F. Krueger, D.D., Ph.D.
Rev. J. A. Clutz, D.D., LL.D.
Rev. E. C. J. Kraeling

The sum of $600 was fixed as a maximum amount for each of the delegates to the Lutheran World Convention and the officers of the Church were constituted a committee to adjust the amount in each case. All of the principals named attended the Convention in Eisenach.

B. *Report of Delegates*:

The report of the delegates is herewith presented in full:

As delegates we have been in doubt as to whether our report should be made directly to a Convention of the United Lutheran Church or to the Executive Board. Our appointment was authorized by the Buffalo Convention, but was made through instruction of that Convention by the Executive Board. We have decided to make report to and through the

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Executive Board, especially because we believe that tentative approval by the Executive Board of the recommendations we make is desirable.

It would easily be possible for us to report at great length, describing the Lutheran World Convention and commenting upon it. However, the Washington and Buffalo Minutes of the United Lutheran Church and Minutes of the Executive Board for several of its meetings fully recorded the preliminaries of this World Convention. The Church papers have described the event itself at length. An official book of the Convention will soon be published in both the English and German languages. For these reasons we content ourselves with the following admirable judgments or impressions of the Convention, taken from an address which was made by Professor Wentz at the closing meeting.

"1. The distinct impression that the Convention by the grace of God has achieved success. Beyond the most sanguine hopes of those in whose hearts the idea of a Lutheran World Convention was born, beyond the most delightful dreams of those who have labored for years at the preparations for the convention, and beyond the fondest expectations of the great multitude of those who have been praying these days for the prosperity of the Church of the Reformation, the first Ecumenical Council of the Lutheran Church has been a success. In the number of those who accepted the invitation to attend the convention, in the high degree of unanimity with which the appointed delegates were permitted to be present in person, in the devout spirit that characterized our services of worship, in the high grade of scholarship and churchmanship that characterized the prepared addresses of the convention, in the many personal contacts that were formed and in the general spirit of brotherly love and Christian fellowship that prevailed throughout, and in the high significance of the practical conclusions reached in this afternoon's session, the first Ecumenical Council of the Lutheran Church has been a distinct success. For this we lift our hearts in sincere gratitude to God and pledge anew our loyalty and our energy to the great Head of the Church, our Lord Jesus Christ.

"2. The distinct impression of the manifold character of the Lutheran Church. From many lands we came, and with many tongues. So that the convention itself set forth in very concrete form the ecumenical character of Lutheranism, even before the excellent address of the Convention President on that subject. Varied as the nations of earth themselves, varied as the clouds that from day to day passed over this beautiful city in which we were met, but stable as the hills that are crowned by the Wartburg, our sitting down together at the convention table and our daily deliberation in common on these themes so vital to our faith gave forceful expression to the truth that the sun never sets upon Lutheran soil, that around the globe there stretches a glorious belt of Lutheranism, and that wherever there are human beings capable of worshiping God, irrespective of their race or language or color, there the Lutheran Church may flourish.

"3. The distinct impression of the essential unity of the Lutheran Church. That such a representative gathering of Lutherans from all lands, setting forth so concretely the manifold character of the Lutheran Church, representing such a variety of church government and embodying genuine differences of opinion on questions of practice, could sit for five days and in brotherly love discuss the common problems of Lutheranism and together plan for the future prosperity and extension of the Lutheran faith, was possible only because beneath the superficial and external

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differences there is genuine unity of spirit. This essential unity of Lutherans in all lands was profoundly felt throughout the convention and more than once filled our hearts with songs of praise. This essential unity of the Lutheran Churches throughout the world, so manifest during the past week, is far more important than any external union of those Churches. It rests primarily upon our common faith in Christ as our Saviour, our common acceptance of the Bible as God's Word and the only infallible rule of faith and practice, and upon our common acceptance of the confessions of the Church.

"4. The distinct impression that a glorious future lies before our Lutheran Church. Not the smallest element in the success of the convention that has just closed must be seen in the fact that the convention did not rest with a consideration of abstract themes but definitely addressed itself to practical problems and so directed its eyes to the future. The resolutions that were adopted with such a high degree of unanimity at the business session today gave assurance that the first Lutheran World convention shall not be the last one. Henceforth the Lutheran Church of the world will be able to speak as a unit. The strength of the whole will be made the strength of each several part. Many of us go away from this first Lutheran World Convention with high hopes that what has here been done is really the beginning of a new period in the history of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. In millions of hearts that hope will find an echo, and millions of prayers will ascend to the throne of grace that these hopes may be realized and that the Lutheran Church with all her glorious history may, through this first Lutheran World Convention, be granted a still more glorious future."

There were several definite decisions of the convention which we submit. Other resolutions adopted may be consulted in the books to be published. These we believe require official record and approval by the United Lutheran Church. Until so approved they are not binding upon any Church body which sent delegates.

(1) The following doctrinal statement. "The Lutheran World Convention acknowledges the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the only source and the infallible norm of all Church teaching and practice; and sees in the Lutheran Confessions, especially the Unaltered Augsburg Confession and Luther's Small Catechism, a pure exposition of the Word of God."

(2) The following form of organization as a practical continuation of the purposes for which the Convention was held. (We give the gist of the proposals.)

Two committees are to be established, a large Standing Committee and a small Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee is to make preparations for another Lutheran World Convention. It shall aim to harmonize all Lutheran activities which are carried on for works of serving love (Liebestaetigkeit), for the care of emigrants (Diasporapflege), and for Foreign Missions. It shall consider the suggestions made by Dr. Morehead in his paper at the convention, such as an exchange of visitors (professors and others), an exchange of news, an exchange of literature. It shall voice the at-

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titude of the whole Lutheran Church when that is necessary or for grave reasons desirable. Until the next convention this committee is to consist of six members. The following are nominated, two each from the Scandinavian countries, Germany and America: Dr. Jorgensen, of Denmark; Dr. Rundgren*, of Sweden; Dr. Ihmels and Dr. Freiherr von Pechmann, of Germany; Dr. Morehead and Dr. Boe, of America. It is contemplated that this committee will in the course of time establish a central office.

The Standing Committee is to be more generally representative of the Lutheran Church in all lands and of groups in those lands. They will serve for counsel and reference to the Executive Committee. They will also be advocates in their lands for the purposes of the Convention. From seven to ten members of this committee are to be appointed from America, and will be as far as possible representative of the various Church bodies which approve and support the entire plan.

Vacancies in both committees are to be filled by co-option.

As delegates we unanimously recommend

1. The approval of the doctrinal statement.

2. The approval of the organization as planned in the appointment of the two committees.

3. A temporary appropriation for the expenses of these committees until a settled budget can be determined and recommended.

C. *Recommendations of the Executive Board:*

The Executive Board recommends the approval of

1. The doctrinal statement of the Lutheran World Convention.

2. The approval of the form of organization as stated in item 2 of the report of the delegates.

3. The adoption of the following:

Resolved, That in the choice of a place for a central office, the United Lutheran Church express its clear conviction and desire that it should not be located in any of the countries or group of countries represented by the three pairs of members of the Executive Committee.

4. That the action of the Executive Board appropriating $500 on our share in a budget, which is to be determined and reported later, be approved.

5. That the Executive Board be authorized to sanction the budget when submitted.

6. The Executive Committee of the Lutheran World Convention having suggested that for the present eight be named for the Larger Committee, and notified us that the United Lutheran Church would be entitled to four of these eight, the Executive Board chose Prof. J. A. Clutz,

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* The Executive Committee of the Lutheran World Convention reported later that Dr. Rundgren was unable to act and that it had named in his place the Rev. Dr. Per Pehrsson.

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D.D., LL.D.; Rev. E. C. J. Kraeling; E. Clarence Miller, LL.D.; Prof. A. G. Voigt, D.D., LL.D., to serve on the Larger Committee until the present Convention, and now recommends that they be elected for the coming biennium.

XI. RELATIONS WITH LUTHERAN CHURCHES IN EUROPE

1. Agreement between the United Lutheran Church in America and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Czecho-Slovakia:

This matter was referred by the Buffalo Convention to the Executive Board. The agreement has been completed and signed as follows and is submitted for the approval of the Convention.

Proposition for an Agreement between the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Slovakia (Aug. Conf.), represented by its regularly elected bishops, general inspector, district inspectors, party of the first part; and the United Lutheran Church in America (Aug. Conf.), represented by Rev. Prof. J. A. Morehead, D.D., Chairman of the European Commission of the National Lutheran Council of America, party of the second part.

It is first noted, mentioned, that the proposition was prepared as the result of conferences in the city of Prague, December 8 and 9, 1920, and the representatives continued to exchange opinions and views by correspondence.

Inasmuch as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Slovakia (Aug. Conf.) and the United Lutheran Church in America have attained unity of faith, evidenced by their common acceptance of the Holy Scriptures and the historic confessions of the Lutheran Church, serving and preaching the same Gospel of Christ for the glory of God and the advancement of His Kingdom, they do agree to co-operate in brotherly love for the accomplishment of the following purposes:

(1) Each body shall observe with warm interest the plans and work of the other and, to this end, approves of the exchange of official representatives as frequently as practicable.

(2) The Church of each country will accept for the services of its congregations regular pastors from the other, under the requirements of the Constitution or regulations for receiving them which are customary in the synods or districts concerned, and if they are provided with proper letters of recommendation from the constituted authority of the body from which they come.

(3) In estimating the amount of pension or stipend to which a pastor is entitled, the years of service devoted to the regular ministry of the Gospel in the related bodies of both America and Slovakia shall be included. Should a Pension Association or Pastors' Fund Society find the admittance of a new member a burden because of the extent of his previous service it is understood that reasonable special financial compensation therefor shall be made by the body in which the greatest term of service has been rendered.

(4) The contracting Church of each country shall recognize the validity of the diplomas (pastors) under conditions of Article Two.

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(Term "diploma" refers to status of a completed pastor, repeats par. 2; credit for study par. 5).

(5) The Church (seminaries of the Church) of each country may fix the minimum number of semesters during which the students shall attend its institutions in order to graduate (before they are admitted to examination for pastors). Students of theology, who would leave a theological seminary before completing the prescribed number of semesters, shall receive credit (svedectvo) for work (study) done in the seminaries of both countries.

(6) In the interest of the uninterrupted care of souls and the conservation of the material of the Church (believers), these contracting bodies of both countries do agree to adopt measures for the systematic preparation of statistics of emigration and immigration. Information thus secured shall be promptly exchanged for the mutual aid of the cooperating Churches of America and Slovakia.

(7) This agreement, on the part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Slovakia (Aug. Conf.), becomes binding (valid) when it is approved by the general assembly (of the two districts) (generalny knovent).

Za Cirkve Evanj. A. B. na Slovensku,
Geo. Janoska.
Biskop, duchovny predseda.
D. John Vanovic,
Gener. Dozoru.
The United Lutheran Church in America,
F. H. Knubel,
President.

2. In the course of our developing relationships with Lutheran Church bodies in Europe, the necessity arose for some regulated methods whereby provision and supervision could be established for students from Europe, some of whom may remain and others return to their native lands after the completion of their educational courses. As suggestions towards such regulation the following recommendations, concerning only such students as are not supported by boards of the Church, are offered:

(a) That the Laymen's Movement be requested to take into consideration all such students as need support upon recommendation to them from the President of the United Lutheran Church in America.

(b) That the choice of institutions for attendance by these students be decided by the official head of the Churches from which they come and the Officers of the United Lutheran Church.

(c) That supervision of their work shall be committed to the officers of the United Lutheran Church.

(d) That in the case of those students who are to remain in this country, the plans for their ultimate service are to be determined by the officers of the United Lutheran Church.

XII. RELATIONS WITH INTERDENOMINATIONAL AGENCIES

1—*American Bible Society:*

The American Bible Society having suffered great loss by the earthquake in Japan, the Secretary, as instructed by the Executive Board.

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requested the Church papers to call this to the attention of our pastors and congregations and to ask that contributions for this purpose be sent through the regular channels.

2—Federal Council:

(a) The Rev. Dr. E. B. Burgess, Dr. John L. Zimmerman and the Rev. Dr. A. H. Smith, were appointed as friendly visitors to the annual meeting of the Executive Committee of the Federal Council of Churches which was held at Columbus, Ohio, December 12-14, 1923. They attended the meeting and submitted to the Executive Board a comprehensive report of their impressions and observations favorable and otherwise. The substance of the report may be summed up in the following words quoted therefrom: "Many thing were said during the course of the convention that met with the hearty approval of your delegation; many other things only served to deepen our conviction that the United Lutheran Church was wise in sharply defining her relations to the Council."

(b) For each of the years of the biennium, by authorization of the Executive Board, the Treasurer has paid to the Federal Council of Churches $2,000, the same amount as was contributed in 1922. (See Min. 1922, p. 87).

(c) Our consultative representatives of the general Commissions and Committees of the Federal Council submitted their reports to the Executive Board as provided for in our agreement with the Federal Council. (See Min. 1922, p. 86, 2d item). These reports show a careful study of the operations of the Federal Council and of what it is doing and proposes to do in the development and prosecution of its work.

As these representatives of ours meet with the agencies of the Federal Council only in a consultative capacity and consequently have offered no recommendations, we recommend that the Executive Board be instructed to consider the reports in connection with the conduct of relations with the Federal Council during the coming biennium.

(d) Concerning transportation matters. (See IV, C, 10).

3—Young Men's Christian Association:

An official request came for the appointment by the United Lutheran Church of a Standing Committee on Young Men's Christian Association for purposes of conference on matters of mutual concern to the two bodies. It also asked for the naming of one member of a general counseling commission to confer at least annually with the Y. M. C. A.'s International Committee or its Executive Committee and officers on such problems of relationship as are national in scope and pertain to all the Churches. The following was the action of the Executive Board in regard to this matter:

"*Resolved*, That the Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church in America accepts the invitation of the International Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association:

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"(1) To appoint a committee of three persons, one clerical and two lay, to confer with the International Committee on matters that concern the Y. M. C. A. and the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

"(2) To ask the chairman of the above-named committee to serve as a member of a general counseling commission with whom the International Committee or its Executive Committee and officers may hold annual conferences on such problems of relationship as pertain to all the churches.

"This action is taken with a desire to help the Y. M. C. A. in its declared purpose to establish itself more firmly on a sound evangelical basis."

The President, in accordance with this action, appointed the following as a Committee of Conference with the Y. M. C. A.:

Rev. Paul E. Scherer, D.D., Mr. W. H. Hager, Robbin B. Wolf, Esq.

The Chairman, Dr. Paul E. Scherer, was named as the special representative for general counsel as requested.

XIII. MISCELLANEOUS

1—*Commission to Study and Report on Theological Education in The United Lutheran Church in America:*

President Knubel reported that at the informal conference concerning the Chicago Theological Seminary held at Cleveland, Ohio, April 19, 1923 (see V. 2), the discussion of all who took part in that conference was constantly found to be entering upon the consideration of the whole theological problem of The United Lutheran Church in America. As a result of that conference and again with the concurrence of all who participated in it, he recommended that the Executive Board appeal to the next convention of The United Lutheran Church in America for the appointment of a special commission which shall undertake a complete study of theological education in the United Lutheran Church for report to the next succeeding convention. This recommendation was adopted. He also suggested that the commission be ten in number consisting of three members of theological seminary faculties, two laymen, three members of the Board of Education and two pastors.

The Executive Board approved these suggestions and recommends

(a) The appointment of a commission to study the subject of theological education in the United Lutheran Church and to report to the next convention.

(b) That the appointment of this commission be committed to the Executive Board.

2—*Arrangements for the Chicago Convention:*

(a) After correspondence on the part of the President with those in charge of arrangements in Chicago it was decided that the opening date of the convention be Tuesday, October 21, 1924. It was further determined that all sessions of this convention should be held in the Edge-

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water Beach Hotel with the exception of the Opening Service on Tuesday evening. The place chosen for the Opening Service was the Wicker Park Church, N. Hoyne Avenue and Le Moyne Street, Chicago, Rev. S. P. Long, D.D., pastor.

(b) In accordance with action of the Executive Board the Secretary authorized the Presidents of the three General Bodies to call meetings for Tuesday, October 21, at two o'clock P. M. Arrangements were made for these meetings as follows: The General Synod in Holy Trinity Church, corner Addison Street and Maple Square Avenue, Chicago, the Rev. J. A. Leas, pastor. The General Council in Unity Church, corner Balmoral and Magnolia Avenues, Chicago, Rev. D. A. Davy, D.D., pastor. The United Synod in the South in the Rogers Park Church, corner Morse Avenue and Paulina Street, Chicago, Rev. Luther Hogshead, pastor.

3—*Church Paper Week:*

A request from the editors of *The Lutheran* and Mr. Grant Hultberg that the Executive Board designate the week of October 5th as Church Paper Week was sanctioned.

4—*Offices of the President and Secretary:*

Inasmuch as the offices of the President and Secretary of the United Lutheran Church are held under a lease which expires in May, 1925, we recommend that the matter of the location of the offices and provision for their proper establishment and equipment be referred to the Executive Board with power.

Respectfully submitted for the Executive Board,
(Signed) F. H. KNUBEL, *President.*
M. G. G. SCHERER, *Secretary.*
E. CLARENCE MILLER, *Treasurer.*

(Actions on the Executive Board's Report assembled with references.—Secretary.)

I. Approved. (Wednesday morning, October 22.)
II. 1. Received as information. (Wednesday morning, October 22.)
II. 2. Proposed amendment to Constitution, Article IX, Section 1, referred to Constituent Synods. (Wednesday morning, October 22).
Proposed amendments to By-Laws adopted. (Thursday morning, October 23.)
II. 3, a to f. Adopted. (Wednesday morning, October 22).
II. 4. Approved. (Wednesday morning, October 22.)
III. A. 3. a. Adopted. (Wednesday, October 29.)
III. A. 3. b. Adopted. (Wednesday morning, October 22.)
III. A. 3. c. Adopted. (Wednesday morning, October 22.)
III. A. 4. Adopted. (Wednesday morning, October 22.)
III. A. 5. Adopted. (Wednesday, October 29.)

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III. B. 2. Adopted. (Wednesday morning, October 22.)

III. B. 3. a. Adopted in connection with Item 1 of Supplementary Report. (Monday afternoon, October 27.)

III. B. 3. b. Adopted. (Wednesday morning, October 22.)

III. B. 5. Richmond, Va., was chosen as the place for the next Convention. (Tuesday afternoon, October 28.)

IV. A. 2. For action see minutes of the afternoon session, Wednesday, October 22. In connection with this, action was also taken on Item 6 of the Supplementary Report.

IV. A. 5. Adopted. (Thursday morning, October 23.)

IV. B. 2. b. Adopted. (Thursday morning, October 23.)

IV. B. 9. a. Adopted as amended. (Thursday morning, October 23.)

IV. B. 9. b. Request of the Board of Ministerial Relief granted. (Thursday afternoon, October 23.)

IV. B. 10. a. Adopted. (Thursday afternoon, October 23.)

IV. B. 10. b. Adopted. (Thursday afternoon, October 23.)

IV. B. 13. b. Approved. (Thursday afternoon, October 23.)

IV. B. 13. c. Adopted. (Thursday afternoon, October 23.)

VII. 3. Adopted. (Thursday afternoon, October 23.)

VII. 4. Adopted. (Thursday afternoon, October 23.)

VII. 5. a. and b. Referred to Constituent Synods with the Memorial from the Indiana Synod. (Friday morning, October 24.)

VII. 6. Adopted. (Thursday afternoon, October 23.)

VII. 10. Adopted. (Thursday afternoon, October 23.)

X. C. 1, 2 and 3. Adopted. (Thursday morning, October 23.)

X. C. 4. Adopted in connection with Item 4 of the Supplementary Report. (Thursday morning, October 23.)

X. C. 5 and 6. Adopted. (Thursday morning, October 23.)

XI. 1. Approved. (Thursday afternoon, October 23.)

XI. 2. Adopted. (Thursday afternoon, October 23.)

XII. 2. c. Adopted. (Thursday afternoon, October 23.)

XII. 3. Adopted. (Thursday afternoon, October 23.)

XIII. 1. Substitute adopted. (Monday afternoon, October 27.)

XIII. 4. Adopted. (Wednesday, October 29.)

Items 2 and 3 of the Supplementary Report approved. (Thursday afternoon, October 23.)

Item 5, A and B of the Supplementary Report adopted. (Wednesday, October 29.)

Item 7 of the Supplementary Report adopted. (Wednesday, October 29.)

Report adopted as a whole, Wednesday, October 29th.

Amendment to Section VII, B, 4 of By-Laws adopted. (Friday morning, October 24th.)

Amendment to Section VII, B, 14 of By-Laws adopted. (Wednesday, October 29th.)

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The Minute on the death of Dr. Tressler (I) was approved by a rising vote.

Item 4 of Matters Referred (II) approved.

III, A, Item 3, (a) was deferred until after the report of the Committee on Memorials from Constituent Synods.

III, A, Item 3, (b) and (c) adopted.

III, A, 4, adopted.

The tellers in charge of the election of Treasurer reported. Dr. E. Clarence Miller, having received 421 votes out of a total of 426, was declared elected.

The tellers having charge of the ballot for President reported that on the second ballot 401 votes were cast, 382 of which were for Dr. F. H. Knubel. Dr. Knubel having received more than the required three-fourths of the ballots, the Secretary declared him elected as President of The United Lutheran Church in America. On motion of Dr. S. P. Long the Convention united in voluntary prayers for God's blessing on the leadership of the newly elected President. Prayers were offered by Drs. J. C. Seegers, A. Pohlman and S. P. Long.

The Convention proceeded to the election of a Secretary.

The consideration of the report of the Executive Board was resumed.

III, A, 5 was read and action thereon was deferred.

III, B, 3, a., concerning the Pacific Theological Seminary, was taken up. The Secretary stated that there was an item in a supplementary report to b esubmitted by the Executive Board relating to this matter. Consideration of the matter deferred until the submission of the supplementary report.

III, B, 3, b. was adopted.

III, B, 5. Consideration of the invitation to the United Lutheran Church to hold its next convention in Philadelphia was deferred, in view of the fact that other invitations are to be reported by the Committee on Memorials.

The tellers appointed to conduct election of Secretary reported that 393 votes had been cast, 383 of them for the present secretary. The President declared Dr. M. G. G. Scherer elected.

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The Convention adjourned until two o'clock P. M. Prayer was offered by the Rev. L. H. Larimer.

Afternoon Session

Wednesday, October 22, 2:00 P. M.

The President called the Convention to order.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. W. M. Horn.

The Rev. A. Steimle, Chairman of Nominating Committee No. 2, reported nominees for the Executive Board, Commission of Adjudication and the Church Paper Committee:

For Executive Board: Rev. F. F. Fry, Rev. W. D. C. Keiter, Rev. A. R. Wentz, Mr. R. B. Wolf, Hon. J. F. Kramer, Mr. George E. Neff, Rev. M. J. Kline, Rev. Jacob Maurer, Rev. J. S. Simon, Mr. Frank D. Bittner, Mr. J. K. Jensen, Mr. Louis Swink.

For Commission of Adjudication: Rev. H. E. Jacobs, Rev. R. E. Tulloss, Hon. H. W. Harter, Rev. F. A. Kaehler, Rev. C. P. MacLaughlin, Hon. F. M. Riter.

For Committee on Church Papers: Rev. J. A. Singmaster, Rev. C. E. Gardner, Mr. H. L. Snyder, Rev. J. W. Horine, Rev. A. T. W. Steinhaeuser, Mr. W. J. Showalter.

The Rev. A. J. Rudisill, Chairman of Nominating Committee No. 1, reported nominees for the Executive Committee of the Laymen's Movement:

For Executive Committee of the Layman's Movement: Mr. J. L. Clark, Mr. P. A. Elsesser, Mr. E. J. Young, Mr. E. Clarence Miller, Mr. F. W. Albrecht, Mr. H. C. Miller, Mr. P. P. Hagan, Mr. W. H. Hager, Mr. W. L. Glatfelter, Hon. C. Steele, Mr C. H. Boyer, Mr. H. Buehler, Mr. C. J. Driever, Mr. E. G. Hoover, Mr. F. S. Hock, Mr. M. P. Moller, Mr. R. G. Rose, Mr C. F. Stifel, Mr. I. A. Shaffer, Jr., Mr. F. H. Wefer.

The reports of these nominating committees were accepted and announcement was made that the election would take place today from 5 to 7 P. M., according to the order adopted.

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Consideration of the report of the Executive Board was resumed. The Secretary read the item concerning combination or reorganization of Boards (IV, A, 2). The suggestions submitted to the Executive Board by the Committee of Ten referred to in the item of the report and submitted with the approval of the Executive Board were considered seriatim.

Suggestion (1) was adopted.

Suggestion (2). On motion this item was divided. The first part was then adopted. Under the consideration of the second part the Secretary submitted an item (No. 6) from the supplementary report of the Executive Board consisting of two recommendations. These recommendations were adopted, thus disposing of the second part of Suggestion 2.

Suggestions (3), (4), (5) and (6) were adopted.

Suggestion (7). On motion the form suggested by the Executive Board was substituted for the original form and was adopted.

Suggestion (8). A motion to adopt (8) in the form recommended by the Executive Board was lost. Thereupon suggestion (8) in its original form as proposed by the Committee of Ten was adopted.

Suggestion (9) was adopted.

The entire series of suggestions was then adopted.

The President at this point introduced the Rev. J. A. O. Stub, D.D., who appeared as the representative of the Norwegian Lutheran Church by appointment of his father, Rev. H. G. Stub, D.D., Litt.D., President of that body. Dr. Stub conveyed the greetings of the Norwegian Lutheran Church, and, at the request of the President of the United Lutheran Church, Dr. C. M. Jacobs responded.

At this time also the President introduced the Rev. Dr. H. J. Urdahl, Vice-President of the Lutheran Free Church. Dr. Urdahl emphasized the need of unity and co-operation among Lutherans in America. To his greetings Dr. E. B. Burgess responded at the request of the President.

Dr. C. G. Shatzer, Secretary of the Laymen's Movement, commented upon the report of the Laymen's Movement submitted

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by him, calling attention to the principles and practice of stewardship and appealing to the men of the Church to assist in carrying out the program.

REPORT OF THE LUTHERAN LAYMEN'S MOVEMENT

The Lutherans Laymen's Movement herewith presents its first report under the present organization, commission and constitution.

I. Organization

1. *Executive Committee*:

The Buffalo Convention of the United Lutheran Church elected the following members of the Executive Committee:

Mr. J. L. Clark	Mr. Harvey C. Miller
Mr. A. P. Elsesser	Mr. Wm. C. Stoever
Mr. E. J. Young	Mr. Wm. H. Hager
Mr. E. Clarence Miller	Mr. W. L. Glatfelter
Mr. F. W. Albrecht	Mr. Charles Steele

At the meeting of June 19, 1923, the following men were added by the elective members of the Committee:

Mr. I. A. Shaffer	Mr. Raymond Bard
Mr. M. P. Möller	Mr. Fred Wefer
Mr. E. G. Hoover	Mr. Frederick Henrich
Mr. M. H. Buehler	Mr. Wm. J. Gram
Mr. F. D. Bittner	Mr. B. T. Steiner
Mr. P. P. Hagan	Mr. George E. Neff

Executive Committee Meetings: The Executive Committee met June 19, 1923, and May 21, 1924.

2. *Administrative Committee*:

A regularly constituted Administrative Committee consisting of Mr. W. H. Hager, chairman, Mr. E. Clarence Miller, Mr. W. L. Glatfelter, Mr. Harvey C. Miller and Mr. E. G. Hoover has held meetings and directed the work of the movement as defined by the Constitution and outlined by the Executive Committee.

Regular reports of the work of the Executive Committee and Administrative Committee have been submitted to the Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church.

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II. Membership

The present membership is composed of some of the finest laymen of the United Lutheran Church.

The membership is distributed in nine states and fifty-two cities.

A far-reaching and influential piece of work is done by members of the Laymen's Movement when they leave their business, and at their own expense, visit various cities and address groups of laymen upon the work of the Church.

Fourteen cities have been visited by members of the Laymen's Movement during the past eighteen months. The men have presented the financial needs of the Church and the necessity of recruiting men for the ministry. In each city men have become members of the Laymen's Movement.

III. Secretaries

Four Secretaries have been employed during the past year.

Mr. A. D. Chiquoine, Associate Secretary, in charge of the office from October, 1922, to April, 1923, resigned in June, 1923.

C. G. Shatzer, General Secretary.

Rev. E. C. Cronk, D.D., Associate Secretary.

Mr. A. R. Brane, Associate Secretary for the months—December, 1923, to June, 1924.

In June, 1923, the office was removed from Philadelphia, Pa., to Springfield, Ohio, and the work placed under the direction of the present General Secretary.

IV. Work Undertaken

The Lutheran Laymen's Movement has completed the first two years of activity. It has endeavored to carry out the commission presented to it by the Buffalo Convention of promoting Christian Stewardship and assisting in securing an adequate ministry for the church.

1. *Interpretation of Function*:

Christian Stewardship involves the proper disposition of life and material possessions. The initial efforts of the Laymen's Movement in its work in Stewardship has been to assist the Church in financing its local, national and foreign program. The deficits reported by the Boards have attracted the attention of the members of the Laymen's Movement and naturally, their first efforts in Stewardship have been to devise means for raising the apportionment in full.

It was decided that if the members of the congregation could be brought into possession of more intimate knowledge of what the tasks are before our Church and what is being done to complete those tasks, it would be possible to stimulate all congregations to meet the apportionment more fully, if not in full.

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2. *Program*:

A program was devised to carry out this idea. It consisted of two addresses and the showing of 45 minutes of moving pictures.

The first address called to mind the fact that the Church has made a tremendous contribution to civilization. It was presented by a representative of the Synod in which work was being done. It was followed by the moving pictures showing some of the work the Church is now doing. These two parts of the program gave a Secretary of the Laymen's Movement an opportunity to discuss the Efficient Church and advocate good systems whereby the work of the Church could be financed.

The whole program was built about the idea of stimulating the people to greater enthusiasm for the work of the Church and at the same time demonstrating to them effective methods of expressing a measure of their stewardship of material possessions.

Splendid co-operation has been given the Laymen's Movement by the synodical officers, committees and pastors in this work.

3. *Field Covered*:

It was deemed desirable to touch the greatest number of congregations in the shortest possible time and at the same time give an effective presentation of the work. To accomplish the results, synodical officials and synodical stewardship committees in the various Synods were asked to co-operate with the Laymen's Movement in organizing the churches of the Synods in groups whereby each group could send their strong church-workers and key men to the centers to hear the program and see the pictures. The effort was made to make the centers sufficient in number that the distance any one congregation would have to travel would not exceed ten miles. 222 meetings were held, 530 congregations of a possible 998 were represented and 21,026 adults heard and saw the program. Adults are represented in this count, which in most cases represented actual counts and not estimates, and not the children, although many children were present. Probably the most hopeful side of the promotional work lies with the children. The percentage of attendance for any Synod varied from six to thirty-four per cent.

The following Synods were visited:

Ohio—covered in full.
Indiana—covered in full.
Michigan—covered in full.
Pittsburgh—covered in full.
New York—covered in full.
New York and New England—covered in greater part.
New York Ministerium—part of New York Conference.
West Virginia—covered in full.

It is difficult to cite the tangible results of such a piece of work. All

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that can be said is that the comments upon the whole program have been very satisfactory. All the agencies of the Church that are concerned in promoting the payment of the benevolence of the Church have contributed materially to increasing the amount paid during the present year as compared with the year 1923. The Laymen's Movement has certainly contributed something to the advance.

4. *The Program—Applied Stewardship*:

The work is looked upon as supplementary to the work of the synodical organization and the pastors. The program is a path-finding program and is only a beginning along lines that should be more thoroughly developed. The time is here when a combination of agencies should be undertaken which will make it possible to cover the whole United Lutheran Church each year with a program devised to give the Lutheran people a greater vision of the whole work of the Church and the obligation each member of a congregation has to Christianity to carry out the Christian program.

The philosophic principles of Stewardship are fairly well defined. People must be brought to understand these principles of Stewardship and develop a heart-desire to work upon the basis of that understanding. A field that needs exploration is that of methods and practice in the field of Applied Stewardship.

5. *Every-Member Canvass—A Method in Stewardship*:

The effective and efficient use of the Every-Member Canvass and its associated features of Budget, Duplex Envelope, Quarterly Statements of individual and congregational financial standing, and simple accounting systems must be urged upon the congregations.

Two canvasses have been conducted since the Buffalo Convention.

The canvass of 1922 was under the direction of the former Secretary, A. D. Chiquoine. In 1923, the pastors were approached directly and urged through correspondence to undertake or continue the use of the Every-Member Canvass. In addition, each Synodical Committee was communicated with and asked to urge upon the pastors and congregations the conduct of an efficient Every-Member Canvass. The plan as evolved, permitted the Laymen's Movement and the Synodical Committees to use their influence and render possible personal service without overlapping or interference.

In 1922, 300,000 copies of a Booklet of Information, financed by the Boards and Agencies of the Church, to be distributed in connection with the Every-Member Canvass, were distributed by the Laymen's Movement. These were accompanied by 500,000 Pledge Cards.

In 1923, 322,000 copies of a booklet, "Your Church at Work," published by the Boards and Agencies of the Church, were distributed, accompanied by the usual Pledge Cards.

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The Lutherans are not supporting their Church enterprises commensurate with their financial ability. Denominations no more able than our own are doing much more per capita to carry on their world work. Our people must be stimulated to proportionate giving not only because it will finance the work of the Church, but because through such giving comes a large, personal, spiritual blessing. Several denominations report fine results from the use of the Every-Member Canvass and its associated systems. There are two facts that suggest that our people are not employing it effectively:

1. The report of the Treasurer of the United Lutheran Church indicates a large difference between the Benevolence Budget adopted by the Buffalo Convention and the amounts actually paid to the Treasurer.
2. Fifty per cent of the congregations fail to report to the Laymen's Movement concerning the Every-Member Canvass, the use of the Duplex and the amounts pledged for Church and Benevolence maintenance. The fact is interpreted as meaning that a large percentage of these congregations are not conducting canvasses or do not finish the canvass and reduce the results to a definite statement which makes available definite information. Coupled with this fact must be the fact that many of the congregations reporting are carrying deficits to Benevolence, suggesting that this business method is not being employed effectively.

The system is not an end in itself, but if it is effectively used, in all its educational and accounting details, it will lend tremendous assistance toward eliminating the deficits in the accounts in the Church.

The number of replies received to official requests for simple reports upon phases of the Church's work is extremely discouraging. A first request received about a 25 per cent reply and to get a final 50 per cent to 60 per cent reply requires two or three requests; all of which incurs needless expense and consumes resources that might be used to decided advantage in other work. These reports form the basis for projecting work and are necessary.

6. *Ministerial Education*:

In accord with the spirit of Article 2b of the Constitution, the Laymen's Movement has been assisting sixteen men in their educational preparation for full-time service in the Church. Fourteen of these men are preparing for the ministry and two of them are preparing in the Medical Schools to enter Foreign Mission service.

The men chosen for this aid were recommended by the Recruiting Department of the Board of Education. The amount given them was determined upon the basis of the cost of a year's training in the various institutions as reported by the President of the institution or some other agent authorized by him to report. In every case aid was granted upon the basis of very great need.

An effort was made to correlate the methods of assistance of the Lay-

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men's Movement with that of the various Synods. A measure of success was attained. The work is being continued. It is hoped that such students as are being helped by the Synods will not apply to the Laymen's Movement and that all students assisted by the Laymen's Movement will receive aid from that source alone.

There are some cases in which aid in addition to that rendered by the Synod is necessary. In such cases assistance should be rendered, but only with the knowledge and sanction of the Synod already assisting.

7. *Theological School Lectures*:

Lectures on Church Financial Systems and the Merits and Methods of Conducting the Every-Member Canvass were delivered in the Theological Seminary, Gettysburg, Pa., the Seminary of Susquehanna University and Hamma Divinity School.

8. *Summer Assemblies*:

The Summer Assemblies of the various Synods have made possible the presentation of the Principles of Stewardship both from the platform and in the classroom.

Four Assemblies were participated in during the summer of 1923, and nine during the summer of 1924.

It is the desire that Stewardship class study may be undertaken among the adult members of the congregations and among the young people.

V. An Objective

The Lutheran Church has a large number of laymen who have demonstrated their unusual ability in the business and professional world. This ability is available to the Church and can be utilized in similar fields in the Church. These men are in the habit of thinking and then acting quickly and forcefully in accord with their judgment. Every effort should be made to secure their attendance at and participation in the deliberations of the meetings of the District Synods.

It is a question of giving them the opportunity to develop along normal lines and presenting a program for them that does not consider merely the stewardship of money, but keeps ever in mind utilizing this ability, personality, organizing and administrative skill in the interests of the Church. The great demand is for genuine leadership and the definition of a concrete task.

Recommendations: 1. It is recommended that in so far as the work and the plans of the Lutheran Laymen's Movement have commended themselves to the United Lutheran Church, it is desired that this Convention sanction the continuance and development of the work.

2. Representatives of the Synodical Committee on Stewardship, Secretaries of Beneficence and the Laymen's Movement respectfully recommend that the United Lutheran Church, in convention assembled, consider the

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advisability of setting aside the month of November of each year as a stewardship month.

3. That the convention recommend to the congregations through district synods that the pastors be urged to emphasize stewardship during the said month:

(a) Through sermons.
(b) Through the Sunday School: Class instruction and discussion and specially organized discussion groups.
(c) Through the young people's organizations by pageants, playlets and study groups.
(d) In the women's organizations, through the presentation of topic studies and discussion.
(e) In the Brotherhood (as in (d) above).
(f) Through the distribution of suitable literature.

4. That the Parish and Church School Board, Women's Missionary Society, the Luther League, the Brotherhood and other organizations be asked to insert in their programs or supplement the outline program, so far as possible, with suggestions for stewardship studies.

Respectfully submitted for the Committee,

J. L. CLARK, *Chairman,*
C. G. SHATZER, *General Secretary.*

Recommendations. Item 1 adopted. Item 2 with its recommendation, adopted. Item 3 with its divisions adopted. Item 4 adopted.

In connection with Item 1, the Convention adopted the following:

"*Resolved,* That we express to this earnest group of laymen our appreciation of the work which they are doing for the Church without any charge and with liberal expenditure of time and means."

Upon invitation of President Knubel, Mr. J. L. Clark, Chairman of the Laymen's Movement, made a brief address, presenting an earnest plea for co-operation of the men in the work of the Laymen's Movement.

The report of the Laymen's Movement was adopted as a whole.

At 5:15 P. M., after closing prayer by Dr. Pohlman, the Convention adjourned for the day.

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Laymen's Banquet

The annual dinner of the Laymen was held at 7:00 P. M. Wednesday, October 22d, in the Black Cat Room of the Edgewater Beach Hotel, with 151 present.

Invocation was offered by Dr. F. H. Knubel.

Mr. W. H. Hager was Toastmaster.

Dr. Ross Stover led the Laymen in general singing of popular songs.

After dinner, the program was continued as follows:

Mr. E. Clarence Miller, LL.D., "Our Church Finance."
Mr. C. G. Shatzer, Sc.D., "The Laymen's Movement."
Mr. W. A. Granville, Ph.D., LL.D., "The Responsibilities of Stewardship."
Mr. J. L. Clark, "The Laymen's Task."

A number of short impromptu speeches were made, after which the gathering adjourned.

SECOND MEETING

Morning Session

CONVENTION HALL, EDGEWATER BEACH HOTEL,
Chicago, Ill.
Thursday, October 23d, 8:45 A. M.

Matins were conducted by the Rev. H. H. Bagger.

The Convention was called to order by the President.

The Minutes of Wednesday morning and afternoon sessions were read and approved.

The Tellers Committee, Mr. P. P. Hagan, Chairman, reported that each of the following persons had received a majority of votes cast in the election for members of the Executive Board:

Rev. F. F. Fry
Rev. W. D. C. Keiter
Rev. A. R. Wentz
Mr. R. B. Wolf
Mr. G. E. Neff
Hon. J. F. Kramer

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The President thereupon declared them elected.

The Tellers Committee reported that each of the following had received a majority of the votes cast in the election for Executive Committee of the Laymen's Movement:

Mr. F. W. Albrecht
Mr. J. L. Clark
Mr. P. A. Elsesser
Mr. W. L. Glatfelter
Mr. P. P. Hagan
Mr. W. H. Hager
Mr. E. C. Miller
Mr. H. C. Miller
Mr. C. J. Driever
Mr. M. P. Moller

The President declared them elected.

The Committee of Tellers reported that each of the following had received a majority of the votes cast in the election for the Commission of Adjudication:

Rev. H. E. Jacobs
Rev. R. E. Tulloss
Hon. H. W. Harter

The President declared them elected.

The Tellers Committee reported that the Rev. J. A. Singmaster and Dr. W. J. Showalter had received a majority of the votes cast in the election of the Committee on Church Papers.

The President thereupon declared them elected.

The committee having reported that there was one clergyman yet to be elected on the Committee on Church Papers, the President instructed the tellers to proceed to take the ballot.

The President announced that the next order of business would be the consideration of amendments to the By-Laws as proposed by the Executive Board. (Report II, 2.)

The proposed amendments to Section II, Item 3, of the By-Laws were adopted.

Proposed amendments to Section III, Item 1, were adopted.

Proposed amendments to Section IV, Item 2, were adopted. Proposed amendments to Item 3 were adopted. Proposed amendments to Item 4 were adopted.

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Proposed amendment to Section V, A, 17 was adopted.

Proposed amendment to Section V, B, Item 8 was adopted. Proposed amendment to Section V, B, Item 9 (2) was adopted.

Proposed amendments to Section V. C. Item 5, were adopted.

Proposed amendment to Section VI, Item 2. The amendment in the form of a substitute was adopted.

The proposed amendment to Section VI, Item 3, was adopted.

The recommendation to strike out Items 4, 5 and 6 of Section VI was adopted.

Proposed amendment to Section VII, A, 5 was adopted.

Proposed amendment to Section VII, B. The proposed amendment to the heading of the list of standing committees was adopted.

At this point the Secretary presented the following:

"In view of the action of the Convention yesterday afternoon concerning the reorganization of the Home Mission work of the United Lutheran Church, the following amendment to the By-Laws, Section VII, B, 4, is proposed by the Executive Board:

"Change the name of the Committee hitherto known as the Committee of Conference on Special Linguistic Interests and make it the *Committee on German Interests.* Add the following as a definition of the Committee's sphere: It shall arrange, in conference with the Executive Board, for any meetings of a German Conference required. It shall also be a place of counsel for any agencies of the Church when they are dealing with matters which concern especially the German-speaking portions of the Church. It shall, furthermore, have the privilege to approach any agency of the Church upon matters which are for the interest of that portion of the Church."

The President announced that this would be considered tomorrow.

Tellers Committee reported that no one had received a majority of the votes cast in the second ballot for the Committee on Church Papers. The tellers were instructed to pass the ballots.

The consideration of the report of the Executive Board was resumed.

The item concerning Port Work (IV, A, 5) was adopted.

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The item concerning co-operation in Home Mission Work (IV, B, 2, (b)) was adopted.

The item concerning the proposed campaign of the Board of Ministerial Relief (IV, B, 9 (a)) was next considered.

Moved and carried, That Item (2) of the terms of agreement reported, be amended by striking out the words "it shall be made" and substituting the words "a campaign for the Board of Ministerial Relief shall be authorized."

It was further moved and carried, That the order of the terms of agreement be changed so that (2) shall become (1), that (3) shall become (2), and that (1) shall become (3). As thus amended the recommendation reads as follows:

(1) That a campaign for the Board of Ministerial Relief shall be authorized to mark the tenth anniversary of the organization of the United Lutheran Church.
(2) That a period of one year preceding said anniversary and six months succeeding shall be given to the Board for campaign purposes.
(3) That no other campaign shall be authorized prior to the one of the Board of Ministerial Relief.

As amended the entire recommendation was adopted.

The Committee of Tellers reported that on the third ballot in the election for member of the Committee on Church Papers, no one had received a majority of the votes cast. The President instructed the tellers to distribute ballots.

It was moved and carried, That in case the ballot about to be taken should not result in an election, in the next succeeding ballot the nominations be confined to the two persons having received the highest number of votes.

Resuming consideration of the report of the Executive Board, the item IV, B, 9 (b) concerning change of the title of the Board of Ministerial Relief was taken up.

The recommendation of the Executive Board was discussed and action deferred.

The Committee of Tellers reported that in the fourth ballot for a member of the Committee on Church Papers no person had received a majority of the votes cast. The tellers were instructed to distribute ballots, the President stating that the two

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persons who had received the highest votes in the former ballot were the Revs. C. E. Gardner and A. T. W. Steinhaeuser.

The special order being the report on the Lutheran World Convention, Section X of the Executive Board's Report was taken up.

The Secretary read the "several definite decisions" of the Convention reported by our delegates, and the action of the Executive Board thereupon, together with recommendations of the Executive Board. At this point the Rev. Dr. J. A. Morehead, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Lutheran World Convention, addressed the United Lutheran Church.

The recommendations of the Executive Board (X, C) were then taken up.

Item 1, the Doctrinal statement, was adopted.

Item 2, the form of organization, was adopted.

Item 3, together with the resolution of the Executive Board, was adopted.

Item 4 adopted.

At this time the Secretary presented Item 4 of the supplementary report of the Executive Board, to the effect that the Board had authorized a further advance of $300 on behalf of the United Lutheran Church toward a budget for the Executive Committee of the Lutheran World Convention. This was adopted.

Items 5 and 6 were adopted and the President declared the persons named in Item 6 to have been elected as members of the Larger Committee of the Lutheran World Convention for the present biennium.

The Committee of Tellers reported that in the fifth ballot for a member of the Committee on Church Papers, the Rev. C. E. Gardner had received a majority of all the votes cast. The President thereupon declared Dr. Gardner elected.

The Convention adjourned with prayer by the Rev. William J. Miller, Jr.

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Afternoon Session

Thursday, October 23d, 2:00 P. M.

The President called the Convention to order.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. O. Krauch.

The Committee of Reference and Counsel submitted the following which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Biennial Convention of the United Lutheran Church reaffirms its approval of the constructive care and training being given the orphans of the Bible lands who were orphaned by war and deportation. With food, clothing and shelter they are also receiving preparation of hand, head and heart to prepare them for self-support, citizenship and leadership. Our pastors and other officials are encouraged to continue their co-operation with the Near East Relief in its plans for the support of its work.

With reference to the request for the appointment of a committee to advise with the Near East Relief regarding its policies and to co-ordinate its plans with other Lutheran activities, it was thought wise to suggest to the Near East Relief that the Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church is always available for service of this kind.

The Rev. A. J. Traver, Chairman of the Committee on Leave of Absence, submitted the following through the Committee of Reference and Counsel:

Resolved, That the Chairmen of Synodical Delegations shall be responsible for keeping the attendance roll of their members for each session, receive excuses for absence and report to the Chairman of the Committee on Leave of Absence, with their recommendations, at the opening of the morning session of the concluding day of the Convention.

The resolution was adopted.

Dr. Holmes Dysinger presented the report of the Commission of Adjudication.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION OF ADJUDICATION

The Commission of Adjudication met in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, April 5, 1923, and transacted the regular routine business. No special matters requiring action on the part of the United Lutheran Church have been before the Commission during the biennium. Appeals of various

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kinds have been presented, but they were so clearly outside the jurisdiction of the Commission, as defined by the Constitution of the United Lutheran Church, that no meeting was needed to consider them. Accordingly only one regular meeting of the Commission was held during the biennium. In the meantime question has been raised within the Commission as to the right to defer meetings informally that are prescribed in the Constitution of the United Lutheran Church, when there is no special business requiring action. This matter will be considered by the Commission at its next meeting to be held in Chicago in connection with the convention of the United Lutheran Church, and the findings will be reported to that body at that time.

HENRY E. JACOBS, *President.*
HOLMES DYSINGER, *Secretary.*

Dr. Dysinger also submitted the following:

Supplementary Report of the Commission of Adjudication

In regard to meetings to which reference is made above, it is the judgment of the Commission that the plain implications of the Constitution make it unnecessary to hold a meeting of the Commission when no matters are before it for consideration.

The officers of the Commission for the next biennium are:

President—Rev. Henry E. Jacobs, D.D., LL.D., S.T.D., Lutheran Theological Seminary, Mt. Airy, Philadelphia, Pa.

Vice-President—Rev. A. G. Voigt, D.D., LL.D., Lutheran Theological Seminary, Columbia, S. C.

Secretary: Rev. Holmes Dysinger, D.D., LL.D., Western Theological Seminary, Fremont, Nebr.

Clerk—Judge E. K. Strong, Columbia City, Ind.

Judge H. W. Harter was recognized and explained the reasons for the judgment of the Commission as set forth in the Supplementary Report.

Resuming consideration of the report of the Executive Board (IV, B, 9 (b)) the request of the Board of Ministerial Relief for a change of its corporate title was again taken up.

A motion to adopt the recommendation of the Executive Board was put and lost.

Moved and carried, That the Convention grant the request of the Board of Ministerial Relief to change its corporate title to "Board of Ministerial Pensions and Relief of the United Lutheran Church in America."

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IV, B, 10, (a) and (b) adopted.

IV, B, 13, (b) approved.

IV, B, 13, (c) adopted.

VII, 3, adopted.

VII, 4, adopted.

VII, 5, with its recommendations was read and action deferred. It having been stated that there was a memorial referring to the latter part of this item, it was moved that the convention dismiss the Committee on Memorials from action on this particular memorial. Action on the motion was deferred until a copy of the memorial might be obtained.

VII, 6, adopted.

VII, 10, adopted.

XI, 1, approved.

XI, 2, adopted.

XII, 2, (c) adopted.

XII, 3, adopted.

The Secretary submitted Item 2 of the Supplementary Report of the Executive Board concerning participation in the World Conference on Faith and Order. (See Supplementary Report, Wednesday, October 29th.)

It was moved and carried, That the conditions of our taking part in the conference as recommended by the Executive Board be approved.

Moved and carried, That this matter be referred back to the Executive Board with power to act as to the proposed conference of 1927.

The Secretary next submitted Item 3 of the Supplementary Report concerning participation in the Universal Conference on Life and Work. (See Supplementary Report.)

It was moved and carried, That the Convention approve the conditions under which we might enter the conference as stated in the report of the Executive Board.

Moved and carried, That the question of entering the Con-

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ference on Life and Work be referred back to the Executive Board with power to act.

The Chairman of the Committee on Memorials from Constituent Synods produced, at this point, a memorial from the Indiana Synod relating to VII, 5, (b) of the report of the Executive Board.

The memorial submits that in the judgment of the Indiana Synod the action proposed would be "an encroachment upon the autonomy of the District Synods."

It was then moved and carried, That the Convention dismiss the Committee on Memorials from Constituent Synods from consideration of this memorial.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Paul H. Roth and the Convention adjourned.

Evening Service

A service was held at eight o'clock P. M., the theme of which was "The Lutheran Church in American History."

The Vespers were conducted by the Rev. H. C. Wasmund.

The Rev. John C. Seegers presided.

Addresses were delivered as follows:

1. "In the Foundations of America." (Noting the 300th anniversary of first Lutheran services in New York.) Prof. A. R. Wentz, Ph.D., D.D.

2. "In Colonial Times." (Noting the 175th anniversary of the Pennsylvania Ministerium.) Rev. H. A. Weller, D.D.

3. "Since the Establishment of the United States of America." (Noting the 100th anniversary of the South Carolina Synod.) Prof. S. J. Derrick, LL.D.

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THIRD MEETING

Morning Session

CONVENTION HALL, EDGEWATER BEACH HOTEL,
Chicago, Ill.
Friday, October 24, 8:45 A. M.

Matins were conducted by the Rev. A. Engeset.

The Convention was called to order by the President.

The President requested and obtained general consent for the hearing of the Report of the Common Service Book Committee immediately after that of the Church Paper Committee.

By general consent it was also ordered that the afternoon session today continue until five o'clock.

Minutes of the morning and afternoon sessions of Thursday were read, corrected and approved.

The Secretary reported that the roll had been completed and that there were 500 delegates present representing all Constituent Synods.

The amendment to By-Laws, Section VII, B, 4, as proposed at yesterday morning's session was adopted.

Consideration of the report of the Executive Board was resumed.

VII, 5, (a) and (b) referred to the Constituent Synods. Along with them also was referred the memorial from the Indiana Synod touching paragraph (b).

Under Section XIII, 1, motion was made and seconded to adopt the recommendations of the Executive Board. Various suggestions were made, among them that the investigation embrace not only the subject of theological education but that it extend also to college and secondary education.

The following substitute was moved and seconded:

Resolved, first, that the Executive Board appoint a commission to make a scientific survey of the educational institutions in the United Lutheran Church, and that it consider the relation of our educational work to the whole status of religious education in our country. Second, that this com-

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mission, with the approval of the Executive Board, be empowered to employ impartial educational experts outside of the Lutheran Church. Third, that this commission be asked to report at the next convention.

Moved and carried that a special committee be appointed to which the item and all of the resolutions relating thereto shall be referred and that the committee report recommendations to this convention.

The following were appointed on the committee: Drs. J. A. W. Haas, H. Offermann, F. P. Manhart, P. W. Koller, J. L. Zimmerman, J. A. Clutz.

The Rev. J. A. Singmaster presented the report of the Standing Committee on Church Papers.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CHURCH PAPERS

The United Lutheran Church may well congratulate herself on the possession of two excellent, official weekly church papers—*The Lutheran* and the *Lutherischer Herold.* In appearance they are handsome, in contents interesting, and in price reasonable. The circulation of the former is about 30,000 and of the latter about 7,000. With the faithful co-operation of the pastors these figures can be doubled.

The editors of the *Herold,* elected at your last Convention, resigned some months ago, and the Rev. C. R. Tappert was elected by your Committee as the sole editor. He has had charge of the paper since July 1st.

The Committee hereby nominates the Revs. Drs. George W. Sandt and Nathan R. Melhorn as the editors of *The Lutheran,* and the Rev. C. R. Tappert as the editor of the *Lutherischer Herold* for the coming biennium.

J. A. SINGMASTER, *Chairman.*

Upon motion to adopt, the Rev. N. R. Melhorn and Dr. W. J. Showalter were heard in the interest of the Church papers. The report was adopted.

The Common Service Book Committee reported, Dr. Singmaster presenting the report.

REPORT OF THE COMMON SERVICE BOOK COMMITTEE

The Committee respectfully submits the following report:

NEW HYMNAL FOR CHURCH SOCIETIES.

Since the last meeting of the United Lutheran Church the collection of

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"Hymns and Prayers for Church Societies and Assemblies" prepared by the Committee, has been issued by the Publication House. The collection contains 150 hymns, a large number of special Collects and Prayers—many of them new—a selection of Psalms, and several Orders of Service.

The favorable response already accorded this compact and inexpensive hymnal indicates that it will prove generally serviceable in the work of Women's Missionary Societies, Luther Leagues, Brotherhoods, Men's Bible Classes, Sunday Schools, Assemblies, etc. The Luther League of America has officially commended the collection to all its societies and has discontinued its own Hymnal.

The Family Service Book.

The sub-Committee charged with the completion of the Family Service Book (the Rev. Drs. Strodach, Steinhaeuser and Bell) report that the work is progressing, and it is hoped that the book will soon be ready for publication.

New Sunday School Books.

Representatives of the Committee met with representatives of the Parish and Church School Board in a conference at which the Rev. F. F. Fry, D.D., Chairman of a Sub-Committee of the Executive Board presided, to discuss the preparation of Sunday School Hymnals and to define the spheres of authority of the Board and of the Committee respectively. It was agreed that the action of the United Lutheran Church itself had established the principle of joint responsibility and that the question was one of method. It was further agreed that preliminary plans for such a Hymnal or Hymnals should be prepared by the Sub-Committee of the Parish and Church School Board and discussed in full with the Sub-Committee of the Common Service Book Committee, and that after joint agreement on details had been reached and the work completed, it should be submitted for final approval to both the Board and the Committee before publication.

Acting under this agreement the Chairman appointed the Rev. Drs. Reed, Ohl and Strodach as the representatives of the Committee on the Joint Sub-Committee, which organized by electing the Rev. C. F. W. Hoppe, D.D., Chairman, and the Rev. Luther D. Reed, D.D., Secretary. A great deal of preliminary work was done by the Chairman, and the Sub-Committee itself has held three lengthy meetings of four or five days each, blocked out the plans for two books, completed the first draft of the selection of hymns, and made a substantial beginning in the choice of tunes and the preparation of Orders of Service.

Foreign Translations of the Common Service Book

At the request of the Foreign Mission Board and also of the West Indies Mission Board some attention has been given in a preliminary way to the

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preparation and authorization of Japanese and Spanish translations of the Common Service Book. The work of translation is in process, and the Committee expects to receive thoroughly prepared briefs covering the principles and methods employed, which, as well as the completed translations themselves, will be carefully considered before authority is given the Boards to publish the books.

The Committee presents no recommendations.

JOHN A. SINGMASTER, *Chairman,*
LUTHER D. REED, *Secretary.*

The report was adopted.

The President announced the following additional members of the Tellers Committee for today's election: Messrs. F. W. Seegers, A. R. Rhyne, R. C. Counts, W. B. Clarke, Romanus Esterly, J. V. Sutton, E. L. Keiser.

The Rev. L. B. Wolf, Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, presented the report of that Board.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

Fathers and Brethren:—Your Board of Foreign Missions presents its third biennial report and asks a most careful study of its various fields of operation. The congregations and the constituent Synods have shown an increasing interest in this great department of the Church.

BOARD ORGANIZATION

At the November meeting, 1922, the Secretary of the United Lutheran Church reported that at the Buffalo Convention the following members were elected, whose terms would expire in 1928:

Rev. August Steimle, D.D.	Rev. Jacob S. Simon, D.D.
Rev. Lewis C. Manges, D.D.	Rev. Paul W. Koller, D.D.
Henry P. Boyer, M.D.	Mr. H. D. Bonham

Mr. Mathias P. Moller

Prof. C. W. Foss was also elected to fill out an unexpired term till 1924.

In November, 1922, Dr. Henry P. Boyer resigned his membership on the Board. At the January meeting, 1924, Mr. Paul Van Reed Miller was elected to fill the vacancy.

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At the November meeting, 1922, the following officers were elected for the biennium:

President, Rev. Ezra K. Bell, D.D., LL.D.
Vice-President, Rev. Prof. C. Theo. Benze, D.D.
Recording Secretary, Rev. George Drach, D.D.
Treasurer, Rev. Luther B. Wolf, D.D.

On March 13, 1924, at Winston-Salem, N. C., Dr. M. M. Kinard passed away. He was a member of the Board's Executive Committee and had a long connection with our foreign cause.

At the March meeting of the Board, Rev. J. Luther Sieber, D.D., was elected to fill the vacancy.

At the same meeting the following nominations were made, to be voted on at the Chicago Convention:

Name	Address
I. For term expiring 1930:	
Rev. Ezra K. Bell, D.D.	821 W. Lanvale St., Baltimore, Md.
Rev. J. A. Singmaster, D.D.	Gettysburg, Pa.
Rev. M. J. Epting, D.D.	1413 Bull St., Savannah, Ga.
Rev. Prof. C. Theo. Benze, D.D.	7304 Boyer St., Mt. Airy, Phila.
Rev. R. C. G. Bielinski	Delanco, N. J.
Mr. James M. Snyder	111 S. 4th St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Prof. C. W. Foss, Ph.D.	3808 8th Ave., Rock Island, Ill.
II. For term expiring 1928:	
Paul Van Reed Miller, Esq.	Widener Bldg., Philadelphia, Pa.
III. For term expiring 1926:	
Rev. J. L. Sieber, D.D.	352 Church Ave., Roanoke, Va.

General Summary

The enterprise of Christian Missions does not need motive power, rather does it call for a fuller and clearer apprehension of the main purpose. We cannot restate more clearly that purpose than to emphasize the world or mankind's chief need. This, without doubt, is found in the time-honored words—regeneration and conversion. The essential aim of the missionary is not many-sided. It is one and single, though many elements may contribute to bring it to fruition. It is clearly in Christ's words: "Ye must be born again." Nor can it set before men more definitely the plight of humanity and how to escape therefrom, than to look at mankind as St. Paul did, as in need of a new creation, for "if

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any man is in Christ there is a new creation; old things are passed away; behold all things are become new." The high end of the missionary movement is to lead men and women into a knowledge of God and the way to God and the new creation is the way of the cross.

The cross and the love, for which it is the symbol, are humanity's and civilization's high need. It cannot be fulfilled but in one way and it is idle to hope to realize it except the world address itself to the divine plan, which is conditioned on "a change of heart." History and human experience meet in admitting that our Easter message is the world's only sure way out. The missionary has this supreme purpose "with the world under his feet, with heaven in his eye, with the gospel in his hand and with Christ in his heart."

The missionary enterprise dares not disregard the certain contributions of the oriental civilizations of past times. It must keep itself "open-minded." It will help much to discover the highest truths found in non-Christian faiths. It should grant something, but hardly dare claim that a golden rule is found in: "What you do not like when done unto yourself, do not do unto others." It is fine to contemplate that Love that fills all and ponder the poet's words about it:

"Thine is the mystic life great India craves,
Thine is the Parsees' sin-destroying beam,
Thine is the Buddhist's rest from tossing waves,
Thine is the Empire of vast China's dreams."

But it will take more than poetry to transform ethnic faiths. They need more than the coloring of Christianity. Jesus Christ must indeed permeate India and all oriental thought. Much more is needed for the human mind than to free itself from "conflicting dogmas and a mind that wars against science." Every ethnic faith must bow to the Nazarene. This must be Christianity's task before it can become "the bridge between East and West." New storm-centers will appear above the horizon in the future as in the past, unless Christ gets his rightful place among men and nations. The thinking of the East must become grounded in the plan of deliverance, revealed by the Lord, before it will meet with that of the West at the foot of the cross. But the West needs to practise the way of the cross perfectly. Well should it weigh the words: "the crowning service" that the West can render to the East is the conversion of the West to Christianity. In fine, "all Western contact" must be Christian and then Christ shall dominate the East.

Our United Lutheran Church has some humble share in the great enterprise. It is neither as large, nor as efficient as it ought to be, but since our merger in 1918, our foreign work has made commendable progress.

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In our congregations there are evidences that we are more fully sharing in Christ's great purpose for the nations.

We started our Mission in 1842 in India. We have now assumed responsibility in Liberia, Japan, South America and China. We dare not say, as another great communion does in definite terms, that we have accepted a definite number of people in the non-Christian world as our responsibility, but it may be a good idea if every member of our communion were to accept in his plan, thought and prayer his share of the unreached and unevangelized. In India we have our work among the Telugus and the Oriyas in the Madras Presidency and within that area we touch a large Mohammadan population, which has penetrated the whole of South India. In Africa for 64 years our contacts have been with the aboriginal tribes, chiefly among the Pfessi on the St. Paul River and the adjacent parts of Liberia, though in our schools we teach Gola, Grebo, Bussa, Vay and Mai and other tribal dialects. In the Japan Empire for 30 years our activities have been in school and evangelism and our contacts have mainly been in the Island, Kyushu, though we are setting up stations in the great cities of Tokyo, Osaka, Kobe and smaller centers besides, in evangelistic, educational, rescue and other forms of endeavor. Our new Girls' School to be erected at a cost of $175,000, is our most notable advance in education. In the metropolis of South America, Buenos Aires, the mission began a forward march in 1920, and while it suffered a serious loss in the death of Dr. Mueller, in the strengthening of the foreign staff by the transfer of Rev. Ralph J. White and his wife from British Guiana, and the sending of Rev. and Mrs. Armbruster, the opening of the new church in Villa del Parque in Buenos Aires, the whole plan of the Mission has been greatly enlarged for efficiency. If our Lutheran Church unites with the La Plata Synod, which now we are willing to help financially in the gift of $2,000. and it becomes part of the enterprise, the future prospects will be much brightened.

On the north coast of the Southern Continent in British Guiana, the sending of Rev. and Mrs. Harlow Edgar Haas has met the needs due to withdrawal of Rev. Ralph J. and Mrs. White, and the progress of all parts of the Mission has been insured.

On the home base our hold on the Church seems to be growing, notwithstanding the failure to meet our appeal to raise our Foreign Mission Forward Fund. At the last convention the Board was voted permission to raise $300,000 to meet the indebtedness of the Board of $100,000, and to provide for some much needed advance in our fields, especially in Japan and South America. The Board invited the co-operation of the Presidents of the District Synods and the pastors of the congregations, but the response to the effort was rather disappointing. Up to date the amount raised in cash and pledges is shown as follows:

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Cash	$114,133.76
Pledges	75,790.84
Total in Cash and Pledges	$189,924.60

The total receipts of the Board from all sources for the biennium have been encouraging:

Our apportionment for 1922-23 and 1923-24	$699,256.40
From Women's Missionary Society	415,425.72
From Augustana Synod	45,646.46
From Danish Synod	20,162.34
From Icelandic Synod	2,400.00
From other sources on current account	204,117.15
From specials not included in current account	182,059.77
From interest on investments	32,462.85
From Legacies and Annuities	25,054.37
Other miscellaneous sources and publications	9,791.33
Total	$1,636,376.39

The expenditure on various accounts is summarized as follows:

Budgets to the fields	$688,403.48
Salaries of Missionaries	203,773.23
Traveling of Missionaries to and from fields	66,303.45
Medical and other expenses of Missionaries on furlough and Candidates	22,903,02
Home Base Expenses and Publications, including secretaries' salaries, Board representatives and publicity	86,633.77
Special to various objects on fields	165,246.70
Women's Missionary Society	409,202.90
Total	$1,642,466.55

The Board rejoices that it has for the first time since the merger been able almost to balance its budget for the biennium and with the many calls from all the fields to meet some of the most pressing. Its current receipts from all sources amounted to $1,038,890.90 and the disbursements to $1,068,016.95, leaving a deficit of $29,126.05. The totals of receipts and disbursements are exclusive of the Women's Missionary Society and Specials, not included in current account, which together amount to $597,485.49.

It is difficult to estimate the tasks which confront the foreign missionary. The influence, on a great nation, of two methods of missionary operation, the school and the hospital, is not easily estimated. It does not lend itself to tabulation, but it is enough to remember that through them, as well as through all other methods of missionary work, the Kingdom of God is coming, even though it is not so obvious to impatient human eyes. In all our fields we have been steadily reaping a harvest of baptized members, numbering at least 125,000 and in addition to this it is safe to say that the community surrounding these, reached and influenced,

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is more than four times as large as is represented by these figures. Through school and hospital, and other institutional work, as well as by the direct preaching of the Gospel, our impact is being made on the great non-Christian community in all lands.

We have added in the biennium to our foreign missionary body thirty-six new recruits. We have lost among others from each field those whom the Church could hardly afford to lose—three veterans. Dr. Mueller in South America, the Rev. Frank Traub of Africa and Miss Jessie Brewer in India, were called from their labors here to their eternal reward.

One laid down his active participation in the great India Mission after a connection of fifty years, during which he saw the Christian community grow from a handful of 1300 to its present-proportions of 110,000. The Rev. L. L. Uhl, Ph.D. (Johns Hopkins), D.D., has retired to his home in Cambridge, Mass., where he is spending his time with his books and rejoicing as he marks the rapid pace at which things now move in the "land of Ind."

The rest of the representatives of our United Lutheran Church in America, who serve their Church and Lord, are faithfully standing at their posts, and are surely working and waiting for the coming of Christ's Kingdom.

The Christian Church, on the Mission field, has been showing signs of self-conscious life, especially in India, Japan and South America. The body of national pastors, thirty-six in number, and about 3,400 Christian workers, encourage the hope of great advancement in the future in all our fields.

The great World War called us of the United Lutheran Church to extend our operations and embrace the task thrown on us by the almost forcible collapse of the Germany Missionary Societies. Our National Lutheran Council, at first largely in war work service for our boys at the front, so reorganized as to continue its loving service, and assumed large financial responsibilities on behalf of our distressed German Lutheran Missions in the continents of Asia and Africa.

In connection with our Board the Gossner field in Chota Nagpore in the Central Province of India, a territory occupied by our Lutheran Missionaries since 1845, and a most fruitful mission, was financially aided by the National Lutheran Council. After the war, the question was raised whether a united Church, composed of Anglican and Lutheran elements, could not be organized. The members of the Gossner Mission voted to become an autonomous Lutheran Church, the British Government assuming the trusteeship of all property belonging to the German Mission and the Christian bodies through the National Missionary Council of India, appointing a committee to direct the internal affairs of the national Lutheran Church thus organized. Some of our missionaries assisted in the superintendence of the Church and Mission, one of its mem-

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bers becoming the Secretary of the Advisory Committee. During the biennium, Rev. Isaac Cannaday has been Secretary of the Advisory Committee, and with him in the work of the Mission and autonomous Church, Rev. O. V. Werner and wife have been associated.

In South India, in the Jeypore country, and in the Oriya area in the northern part of the Madras Presidency, our Board continued to superintend and support the Schleswig-Holstein (Brecklum) Mission, furnishing men and means in the amount of from $25,000 to $30,000 annually. This field alone has a considerable baptized and communicant membership and is being reorganized and will eventually form part of the United Lutheran Church in India. Two of the old missionaries, Revs. Andersen and Toft, and their families, have been permitted to return to their former fields and have reached the Mission. They are taken over as our missionaries and will work under the guidance of our Mission Council.

From the beginning of our India Mission the Augustana Synod has always been deeply interested in the evangelization of the Telugu country. Although they did not enter the merger in 1918, they have furnished devoted men and women and given generously toward the various developments of work. They have continued their relation with us in the Foreign Board and are represented by Prof. C. W. Foss, who sits as a regular member, and by Dr. Brandelle, the President of the Augustana Synod, and Rev. Dr. Abrahamson, as associate members. All departments, school and hospital, evangelistic and philanthropic, appeal to this rigorous Synod and its great foreign missionary spirit. At present there are 12 missionaries at work, and some on their way to India, and the amount contributed toward the current expenses during the last biennium was $45,646.00. Besides this, they are erecting the Swenson Memorial at a cost of $20,000.

The unity of the Foreign Mission's spirit has also manifested itself in the Danish and Icelandic Synods.

The Danish Synod co-operates with our Foreign Board, of the United Lutheran Church, in all their foreign mission endeavor and are setting an apportionment among their membership on something of the same basis as ours. The Danish Foreign work is incorporated in our Japan Conference, and at the home base all funds are sent to the field through our Board. Their missionaries are among our oldest and most honored and their home organization is represented by two associate members, the Rev. V. W. Bondo and Rev. E. R. Anderson, and on the Japan field by six missionaries.

The Icelandic Synod has also for years united in our Japan work and supported our Foreign Mission operations with men and means. This body of American Lutherans, though not large, has furnished one of the stations of the Japan field. During the biennium they have contributed

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$2,400.00 to the funds and the recent visit of the missionary, Rev. S. O. Thorlaksson, among the churches has been most effective in awakening a deeper interest among the church members.

We rejoice in this cooperation and hope it will increase more and more and become the means to draw all our Lutheran bodies, by thus uniting us all in the common task, into closer bonds in our home land. We join forces on the foreign field and thereby increase our effectiveness in world-evangelization.

The next ally to be noted is our Women's Missionary Society. While the Constitution of our United Lutheran Church refers to it as a valuable "auxiliary," this does no more than give it a place among the foreign forces of the Church, and in a way indicates its service. This Society has its own organization among the women of the Church, which functions through its Executive Board. It raises large sums of money to support missionaries in the Church's fields, where are assigned to it departments of work under Mission direction. The major effort is in India, where its missionaries carry on three hospitals and a High School and many schools of lower grade for girls, and a vast work in the Christian community by the maintenance of the Boarding Schools for girls training for Christian work. In Japan the Society is not less effective among women and girls, their last effort being to raise $175,000 to found a Girls' High School. The Society supports 44 missionaries and makes large grants of money to the budgets of India, Japan, Africa and South America. The sum total of their financial output for foreign work during the biennium was $415,425.72. All money raised by them, through their congregational and general organization must be in excess of the church apportionment and under the new organization since the merger of their Societies in 1918, they have made rapid advance in all departments of the Foreign Movement.

Death claimed their efficient Executive Secretary, Mrs. Helen C. Beegle in March last, and a new secretary has been elected in the person of Miss Amelia Kemp, the grand-daughter of Dr. Kemp who for many years was Board member and physical adviser of one of the Foreign Boards of our United Church.

Since our merger in 1918 we have increased from 112 missionaries to over 200 foreign workers. These men and women have met the vast responsibilities of our foreign enterprise in the trying times of the last decade.

No adequate tribute can be paid to those who incarnate the missionary idea of the Church. It is well to call attention to this body of Christian workers in the fine statement of one who is not a missionary or secretary of a Board, but who has lived in the same country with some of them and seen them at their work. Nathaniel Peffer, editor of the *Shanghai China Press* and correspondent of the *New York Tribune*, has this to say of them as a class in an article under the title, "The Uniqueness of

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the Missionaries:" "To the missionaries in their purely personal aspect, only the prejudiced and ignorant will refuse an abundant meed of admiration. I have never met any other class anywhere so little moved by personal ambition or desire for gain. I doubt whether another exists. They have found an ideal for themselves and they serve it alone and for its own sake. How heavy a sacrifice it demands is known only to those, who like me, have been much with them and seen them in their daily activities and even in some part have shared their experiences." The home church does deeply appreciate the missionary body, as a class, and many of them are so related to individuals and congregations that they are, not excepting our home pastors, remembered in thought and prayer more than any other body of Christians.

Our missionaries have continued to labor diligently and successfully in the Lord in all our fields. Their organized association shows that they are of one heart and one mind in their effort to build up and extend a strong and aggressive Lutheran Church in the world.

In a special manner we must bear testimony to the devoted and faithful efforts of our women missionaries in all branches, evangelistic, educational, medical, merciful and industrial work. Without doubt we owe to our single and married women missionaries much of the spirit of harmony, good will and co-operation which has characterized all our missions during the past two years.

As the missionaries go to, and come from, these distant fields, it is well for the Church to know that they are bid "Godspeed" from the ports of departure, and "welcome home" from the ports of entry. In New York, Board member, Dr. Steimle, has organized a committee to speed them on their way and, if possible, when they return to welcome them home again. On the Pacific Coast our pastors have been most thoughtful in their efforts to meet and say "good-bye" to those who sail through Pacific ports.

The expansion of our work calls for the deepest concern on the part of the Board and Church leaders.

Four years ago we determined, on the recommendation of the Executive Board of the Church, to enter the field of Argentina and take over the work begun in the metropolis city, Buenos Aires. Our missionaries have been richly blessed in their endeavor and now a new situation presents itself which contains much promise for our Lutheran Church. The La Plata Synod has shown itself most friendly to our Mission and steps are being taken with in by our Mission, approved by the Board, to unite in the founding, in the future, of a United Lutheran Church in the Argentina. The plan in contemplation is to work for a German-Spanish Lutheran Church. To further the effort in some practical way, the Board voted $2,000.00 for school and other work among the churches of the La Plata Synod. This convention will be asked to approve of this co-operation.

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Since then, through correspondence and conferences, negotiations have progressed in connection with the Berlin Missionary Society so that the Shantung Mission of this organization has been definitely handed over by its Advisory Board to our Board for a consideration of the property of $185,500.00, to be paid in ten annual installments, the transfer to be completed January 1, 1925. With the transfer, the Board will also take over several missionaries of ripe experience and the Chinese congregations, schools and hospital. The Chinese church has a membership of 1,000 communicants.

We need not do more than draw the Convention's attention to these proposed new missions. Our missions in India, Africa and Japan are loudly calling for expansion. We must not deny them, in this high day of opportunity, anything which their rapidly advancing progress demands. Our education prospects should be furthered at once in India, Africa and Japan. Not less than $500,000 should be raised within the next two years, if we are to measure up to our responsibilities in this department.

The last Convention voted for a United Christian College in India:

That the Board of Foreign Missions be authorized to co-operate with other Evangelical Missionary Societies and Boards at work in the Telugu area, India, for the establishment and maintenance of a United Christian College, provided that our Mission in India is proportionately represented in the College Council (Board of Directors) and faculty, and that the unrestricted spiritual care of the Lutheran Students is committeed to our Missions in India.

All indications are now pointing toward the establishment of this College in our Telugu area, in which our Church has been asked to take a leading part. This mighty evangelizing force must be heartily supported. Our Church must not fail here. Of the $500,000 named, not less than $300,000 should be raised for this high endeavor, to dominate education in our part of India by Christianity. We dare not be cold or faint-hearted in these days. Our plans must be backed by consecrated gifts.

While the Board has been considerably relieved by the Foreign Mission Forward Fund, though it fell short in our expectations, a glance at our financial statement must convince all that we have not, as a Church, met (simply mended a bit) our condition. The Board asks every member of the Church to consider the Treasurer's report with deep and prayerful thought. The apportionment laid $1,090,000, for the biennium has been realized only in about 64 per cent of the total asked, or $699,256.40. If all moneys raised be added to this amount, which can be spent on our current work, we have secured through other Synods, specials from churches and individuals, $339,634.50, or almost enough to close this year's work without any deficit. so far as this year's expenditure goes.

We need not be discouraged. But every member of our church should

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ask himself—"Is this at all an adequate showing of our faith in the 'one only and perfect plan' of world redemption?"

World-peace, world-safety, can be found in the divine way, to meet future problems and heal the hurt of humanity.

INDIA

The statistics of the year 1923 are very encouraging. The net increase in the Christian community for that year was 5,450, raising the total membership to 106,500 in the Rajahmundry and Guntur fields. The work in the Jeypore field has been conducted with increasing vigor during the past two years and there are now five ordained married and two single, women missionaries in that field. It is especially gratifying to be able to report that our Board, as a missionary society recognized by the British Government, has succeeded in securing the return of two former German missionaries, now Danish citizens. Rev. Anders Andersen and Rev. Hans Toft, who with their families sailed from London on September 16, 1924. They will serve under the appointment of our Board in that part of the Jeypore field which belongs to the Madras Presidency. These two are the first Lutheran missionaries formerly in the employ of a German Missionary Society to be allowed to return to India after the great war. It is confidently expected that others will follow soon.

In February, 1923, our Mission celebrated the eightieth year of its history, the fiftieth year of the missionary service of Rev. L. L. Uhl, D.D., and the thirty-third year of the service of Dr. and Mrs. John Aberly. Drs. Uhl and Aberly have returned to the United States, the former as an emeritus missionary, now living in Boston with his wife and daughter, the latter as professor of Missions in the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Chicago.

Two veteran missionaries have entered life. Their names are held in honored and grateful remembrance both in India and in America. Miss Susan E. Monroe served for twenty years at Rajahmundry as an honorary missionary. After a few years in retirement at Mt. Airy, Philadelphia, Pa., she died on May 17, 1923. Miss Jessie Brewer, of Guntur, at the time of her death there on February 12, 1924, was in charge of the Bible Training School at Mangalamandiram.

Of the ninety missionaries in our India fields forty-three are serving their first term of service and fifteen new missionaries are being sent out this year. This indicates to what extent the home Church has been supplying the Mission with new workers since the merger. Of the 3 220 Indian Christian workers in the two fields there are now 31 ordained pastors and a total of 610 men and women who are engaged in evangelistic and pastoral work. The multiplication of this class of workers insures more rapid progress in church life, organization and activity.

The departments of the mission's educational work have enlisted the special interest and thought of the Board. One of these is the Vocational

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School on the Lam Reserve near Guntur, where the mission is establishing an industrial middle school which will have far-reaching influence for the economic development of the Christian communities.

The other is the United Christian College. The financial inability of the other Protestant missions in the Telugu area to co-operate for the present in this college on the basis of equal contributions, makes it necessary for our mission to strive to secure enough to begin this great educational enterprise in the hope that later others may furnish their proportionate shares of financial support. The presence of Rev. J. Roy Strock in the United States on furlough undoubtedly will awaken wide-spread interest in this project, because he is the first principal of the Andhra Christian College now temporarily located in Noble College, Masulipatam. An intial $300,000 for site, buildings, equipment and endowment is to be secured by private solicitation, principally through the efforts of our newly appointed field secretary, Rev. J. Frank Heilman, D.D., and Rev. J. Roy Strock. The constitution which is the basis of co-operation for this college has been approved by the Indian mission and the Board, and has been printed in the Annual Report of our Missions. The doctrinal basis, as defined in this constitution, is that of the Declaration of the United Lutheran Church in 1920 at Washington, D. C.

Other developments of primary importance are the Reading Room at Rajahmundry, for which a fine building near the bazaar was purchased and equipped for $13,000; the appointment of a Telugu Lutheran pastor to serve in Rangoon, Burma; the growth of general medical work at Rentichintala and Tarlupad; the increase of the salaries of Indian workers; the transfer of more responsibility in administration to our Indian synods; the successful conduct of a theological school at Luthergiri from which seventeen men were graduated on April 22, 1924. All of them were called and are now serving in definite fields of pastoral work in different parts of the mission.

For those who desire more detailed information concerning the various missionaries, districts, departments and institutions, we refer to the Annual Report, distributed free of charge, and the monthly magazines, "The Foreign Missionary" and "Der Missionsbote."

LIBERIA, AFRICA

The Report of the Muhlenberg Conference

The Mission has passed the years of this biennium with little change in the methods of work, but with many marks of substantial progress.

At the request of the Mission the Board transferred the name "Muhlenberg" from the Mission to the Conference, and has named the Mission. the American Lutheran Mission in Monrovia. The Conference has ceased to function quarterly and has voted to hold only an annual meeting in the month of January. The work of administration has been handed

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over to an Executive Committee with power to act under such limitations as the Muhlenberg Conference shall set from time to time.

The health of our missionaries has continued fair. The Board has, after long deliberation, determined to set the uniform limit to each term of service at 27 months, to be followed by six months furlough to America. In doing this it is following the length of service required of those who work in other services on the West Coast of Africa. During the biennium our Mission Staff has been augmented by the following missionaries: Rev. and Mrs. Roy L. Yund, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Ireland, Rev. Paul M. Counts, Mr. and Mrs. Homer C. Leonard, Miss Mary E. Bauer, Dr. H. L. Worrall, Miss Bertha Klein, Miss Bertha Dierolf, Miss Dora Hahn, Miss Mariam Treon, Mr. and Mrs. George Cope, Rev. and Mrs. Fred Bloch, Dr. and Mrs. E. A. Lape and Rev. Knud Jensen. The missionaries who withdrew from the field and severed their relations were Rev. and Mrs. Frank Traub, Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Brosius. The Rev. Frank Traub passed away on May 7, 1923, in Philadelphia.

Our staff totals 37 at the close of this report, including the wives of our missionaries.

The Mission has been strengthening the various departments of its operations, especially the medical and educational, though it has also pressed into the "hinterland" and opened up new stations as school and evangelistic centers. The health of our missionaries has been safeguarded by the employment of Drs. Worrall and Fuszek. With the latter who has had many years of experience on the West Coast a contract has been made to be continued as needs require. A laboratory has been in operation. New sub-stations are being opened and Zorzor has been occupied as a station at which the gift of the Gettysburg Assembly is to be used to furnish all needed buildings and equipment. Dr. Worrall is conducting the medical work with success at Zozo.

The old Wuodi station, which has been superintended for some years by Rev. E. A. Ayers, who was formerly one of our missionaries, has been, on his retirement from mission work, transferred to our Mission as one of our stations with all property rights and work.

The Board has called to its service Mr. George Cope, a graduate of Pennsylvania State College. He goes out as the first Agricultural Missionary. He will especially interest himself in our industrial mission work. He has taken special courses in agriculture in the South. Africa needs help in every way and our Mission has fostered its physical needs as well as its spiritual.

We are pressing on toward the interior and are endeavoring to occupy that part of Liberia in which Pfessi and allied dialects are spoken.

Our educational work continues to prosper. A Commission under friends interested in Africa's and Liberia's education recently made an extended visit and report on West Africa and the schools thereof. As

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the result heard by Dr. Jones of the Phelps-Stokes Foundation in New York, an Advisory Committee has been formed on Education to survey and report on the needs of education in Liberia with a view to improvement of system and schools. The Committee is backed financially by the American Colonization and New York Colonization Societies, the Protestant Episcopal, Lutheran and Methodist Foreign Boards and the Phelps-Stokes Fund. The Committee contemplates sending a specialist to Liberia to make a careful study and survey of the whole education system and are calling for a suitable man for this work.

The Mission now conducts, including its boys and girls boarding schools, 10 schools in which are 584 pupils. The Boarding Schools are intended primarily for the training of Christian boys and girls for future work in the Mission. A Girls' School has been opened at Sanoghie.

The building operations under Mr. Miller have been carried on with success. A doctor's house and an extra house for general and the builder's use have been built. The Mission's house in Monrovia has been found most convenient in the work of transportation of goods and travel of missionaries to and from the field. The new building at Kplopele for use of the Theological Institute and the Reading Room at the Boys' School, all mark advance in our work.

The church membership is growing and while it is a matter of slow growth in the interior, the number increases at every station, and our communicant members numbers 188.

JAPAN

As we look back upon the work of our Japan Mission during the past two years our minds are still filled with thoughts of the great disaster which befell Yokohama and Tokyo on September 1, 1923, when after several severe earthquake shocks, fire destroyed so many lives and so much property in the afflicted area. Our Lutheran Church in America was quick to respond to the Board's appeal for relief funds, which enabled the Board to place $35,000 at the disposal of our missionaries in Tokio, where they concentrated on the relief of the suffering and distress of old people and of widows and children, housed in hastily constructed barracks. The Japanese people were filled with gratitude and friendship for America and Americans, after the outpouring of sympathetic goodwill whereby $10,000,000 flowed into Japan through the Red Cross Society.

Little progress has been made during the past two years in supplying the Japan Mission with adequate material equipment for its work. A lot was purchased in Tokio for $21 640, on which a chapel and a parsonage for the Japanese pastors will be erected at once. A lot was bought also in Shimonoseki for $7,000, of which the United Danish Church furnished $4,705. No new buildings have been erected; but the next biennium should witness great activity in building operations. Plans and estimates have been approved for an additional wing of the Kyushu

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Gakuin dormitory, for which the United Lutheran Church Brotherhood has raised $5,000. The Luther League of the State of New York has in hand $5,600 for a professor's home on the grounds of the theological seminary in Tokio. The Brown Memorial Chapel at Kyushu Gakuin will be erected at an estimated cost of $35,000, and a second missionary's home will be built for $5,000 on the campus of Kyushu Gakuin. With funds borrowed from a member of the Lutheran Church in Shimonoseki, amounting to about $4,000 a chapel is to be erected on the site recently purchased. The erection of a chapel and parsonage on the Tokio lot has been authorized at an approximate cost of $5,000. It is hoped that chapels in Osaka and Kobe may be erected although adequate financial provision for them has not yet been made.

Undoubtedly the most significant feature of the development of our work in Japan during the past two years is the return of three Japanese, Rev. I. Miura, Rev. H. Inadomi and Rev. N. Asaji, who completed their studies in America. Within the next two years two others, K. Hirai and C. Kishi, will join this group. Rev. S. Sato who spent several months in study in Germany, England and the United States, also returned to the mission last year. Other members of our Lutheran Church in Japan are taking courses in American colleges. Thus there will gradually be formed a strong nucleus of trained and qualified Japanese Lutherans, from which must grow a sturdy and flourishing Japanese Lutheran Church.

By the purchase of a large tract of land at Kumamoto for $35,000, a good beginning has been made in the establishment of the proposed Girls' School.

There are now 34 missionaries in Japan, of whom 14 are ordained men and six single women missionaries. They all are zealously engaged in evangelistic or educational work in co-operation with the Japanese Lutheran Church (Nihon Fukuin Ruteru Kyokwai), and the next few years should bring abundant fruit (in the harvest of souls and rapid progress in every direction of mission work).

THE SOUTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

British Guiana

In British Guiana the most marked change has been the transfer of Rev. and Mrs. Ralph White to our Buenos Aires field in Argentina at the close of 1923 and the call and appointment of Rev. and Mrs. Edgar Haas to take charge of the field in British Guiana. They are getting acquainted gradually with the Mission and report progress in the schools and churches.

Missionary White was in charge of the Mission since 1916 and left it in good condition and well organized in all branches. The field while limited, contains most interesting spheres of influence. The old historic

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church in New Amsterdam, established in 1748, the more recent development along the Berbice River, the work in the interior, the congregations among the Arrowak Indians, and the last effort to organize a mission among the East Indian people in the Hindi tongue—all combine in making a most interesting field of Foreign Missions. With our large work in India it is easy to see how our British Guiana Mission links up with future possibilities among that large population of Hindus, who have settled on the soil of South America to help work out the labor problems in the colony. Our Hindi Mission among these people is growing and we should give more attention to it.

Our schools in New Amsterdam and on the Berbice River continue to flourish under the generous aid received from colonial authorities. A vocational and commercial school has been opened and bids fair to be a new center of influence and helpfulness to all classes.

The evangelistic work has been extended into the interior and a new station beyond Ituni has been organized among the Arrowaks. All our old congregations are flourishing and our Sunday schools are growing in size and efficiency, that one in connection with the New Amsterdam Church being the largest in the colony.

The invested funds administered by the colonial authorities meet a good part of the mission upkeep. The total expenditure of the mission last year was $5,485.00, of which grants from the Government amounted to $1,197.00, income from endowments and property $1,499.00, benevolence $866.00 and from the home church $1,975.00. The ordinary repairs on all church property was borne by the congregations. Extensive improvements were paid for by the Board.

The statistics of the Mission for last year show 8 Christian workers, 4 congregations and Luther Leagues, 3 Primary Schools, 112 pupils, and a baptized membership of 505, and a confirmed membership of 347.

Buenos Aires, Argentina

This Mission has passed through a great trial and loss in the death of Dr. E. H. Mueller on November 22, 1923. This event, however, called special attention to this last Mission of the Board. It was deemed wise to send one of the secretaries to make a closer inspection of what had been done since the reorganization under our Board in 1920. In every way the visitation has been beneficial, and a new interest has been aroused in the field. The Board's Secretary spent two months in his visitation, looked into the plans of the Mission and helped to introduce the Rev. Ralph J. White, who had answered the Board's call in British Guiana to become a missionary in the Argentina field, and who arrived in Buenos Aires in February to enter this most important work, where so much was to be done and so large a field of operation opened up to our church.

Our property interests in Buenos Aires are considerable and all these

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were duly studied by the Board's representatives. We now have purchased land, a site in Villa del Parque, 350 ft. front and from 120 to 160 ft. deep; on it we have two mission houses and a fine church building and the whole will cost the Church not more than $85,000.

The congregation work at Villa del Parque, Caseros, San Miguel, Jose C. Paz has grown and the day schools and Sunday schools are well attended and promise well for the future.

The La Plata Synod

While in Buenos Aires the Secretary of the Board became interested in the operations of the La Plata Synod. For several years our Mission and the representatives of the Synod have carried on correspondence and were on frindly terms. They have approached each other with a view to learning the nature of the church life and work, and also to ascertain whether they might not be mutually helpful. Some sort of co-operation seemed possible, which might eventually lead to the establishment of a permanent, self-governing Lutheran Church. A conference was held between the representatives of the La Plata Synod and the Mission on February 21, 1924, in the German Church in Buenos Aires.

There were present representing the Mission, Rev. L. B. Wolf, Rev. Ralph J. White and Rev. Paul O. Machetzki, and on the part of the Synod, Rev. Wick, Rev. Shuler, Rev. Detterborn and Rev. Ohlert. Full and unhurried discussion of the nature of the work to be done, the ground of co-operation and the aim in view to be attained, was held.

The two groups of representatives arrived unanimously at certain agreements, chief of which are:

(1) That all work in school and church should be conducted bilingually, or linguistically as needs require.

(2) That the ultimate goal is the establishment of a national Lutheran Church in South America.

These representatives signified their willingness to present these agreements to their respective bodies at as early a date as possible, so that practical operations might begin.

It was agreed (1) That the field for work be the section of the Republic of Argentina known as the Entre Rios, between the Parana and La Plata Rivers, with Urdenarrain, as a probable center, and

(2) That for the first year the starting of four schools on the new basis and the employment of two additional pastors for church expansion. one to be chosen by the Mission and one by the Synod, should be attempted.

(3) That an estimate of the cost involved be left to members of the La Plata Synod for subsequent report to the Mission as a basis for consideration.

The following estimate, as promised by the representatives of the

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Synod and approved tentatively by our Mission has been submitted, under date of March 11, 1924.

Two pastors	$m/n	7,200
Rent		1,200
Travel		800
4 schools—salaries		7.000
Rent		2,000
Enlargement for additional classes		1,000
	$m/n	18,200 or $6,500

It was also suggested that parsonages be built at an estimated cost of about $6,500.

All agreements entered into by your representatives and our Mission Board of Foreign Missions of the United Lutheran Church in America.

The following action was taken by the Board:

Voted I. That our Board approves the steps taken by their representatives and their Mission in Buenos Aires looking toward the ultimate formation of a Lutheran Church in Argentina.

Voted II. That as a basis of co-operation, the Board submits the following to the La Plata Synod:

(1) That Luther's Small Catechism be taught in all the schools and Sunday schools of the churches.

(2) That the doctrinal basis of the Spanish speaking, self-governing church is to be that of the United Lutheran Church in America, as follows:

(a) The United Lutheran Church in America receives and holds the Canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the inspired Word of God, and as the only infallible rule and standard of faith and practice, according to which all doctrines and teachers are to be judged.

(b) The United Lutheran Church in America accepts the three ecumenical creeds, namely, The Apostles' The Nicene and the Athanasian, as important testimonies drawn from the Holy Scriptures and rejects all errors which they condemn.

(c) The United Lutheran Church in America receives and holds the Unaltered Augsburg Confession as a correct exhibition of the faith and doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, founded upon the Word of God; and acknowledge all churches that sincerely hold and faithfully confess the doctrines of the Unaltered Augsburg Confession to be entitled to the name of Evangelical Lutheran, and

(d) The United Lutheran Church in America recognizes the Apology of the Augsburg Confession, the Smalkald Articles, the Large and Small Catechisms of Luther and the Formula of Concord, as in the harmony of one and the same pure Scriptural faith, and

Voted III. That upon the La Plata Synod's acceptance of this basis the Board of Foreign Missions will begin the proposed co-operative work in Argentina and elsewhere, as the Mission and Synod shall agree, provided this plan of co-operation is approved by the United Lutheran Church in America.

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Voted IV. That pending further negotiations with the La Plata Synod, the Board makes an appropriation of $2,000 towards the support of Spanish-speaking and Spanish-German-speaking schools, provided the teachers shall be amenable to the Mission.

CHINA

At the last biennial Convention of the United Lutheran Church the following resolution was passed:

China Mission.—*Resolved*, That when opportunity is offered and funds are made available, the Board of Foreign Missions be authorized to begin a Mission in China.

Early in 1923 Missionsdirektor Knack in conversation with the Board Secretaries remarked how heavy the Berlin Society found its load financially and intimated that it might be possible for his Society to hand over the Shantung, China, Mission, if our Board was disposed to consider such a proposition. He made it clear that this was his own suggestion and could not bind his Society to any course of action. It was mutually agreed that he should present the whole matter to his Executive Committee on his return to Germany. It was also pointed out that such a transfer, if negotiated, would involve the purchase of mission property by the Board at a fair price and this would enable the Berlin Society to carry on their Canton Mission with more success and without financial embarrassment.

The whole matter was left to further consideration. After Dr. Knak's return to Germany in March, 1923, he conferred with his Committee and on the 5th of May wrote to our Board the result of his conference with his Executive Committee. He found the sentiment to be very much in favor of handing over the Mission and asked a cable concerning our Board's position. The conditions on which the Executive Committee of the Berlin Society would transfer the Shantung Field to the United Lutheran Church were as follows:

(1) Our property (land and buildings) is to be purchased for a sum fixed by an impartial estimate. We would suggest that the Norwegian Missionary, Rev. Mr. Larsen, brother of the late President of the National Lutheran Council, or another suitable member of a friendly Lutheran Society be requested to make the estimate. The payments might be made in installments during a period of ten (10) years.

(2) Inasmuch as the transfer of our work would be justifiable only if our older and greater work in Canton would thereby be strengthened, the Committee would expect the United Lutheran Church to continue to do all in its power to help us to preserve our work in the South.

(3) A number of our missionaries in Shantung would be transferred and serve the United Lutheran Church. namely Superintendent Voskamp of Tsingtau, Missionary Scholz of Kiautschou and Sister Kæthe Voget of Tsingtau. Missionaries Miller and Matzat and Sister Frieda Strecker would be used by the Berlin Mission in its other field.

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(4) Corresponding with the agreement between the Augustana Synod and the Leipsic Mission in East Africa, an arrangement might be made for the Berlin Mission to again take a part of the work in Shantung should favorable circumstances arise. This point is not so important as 1 to 3.

The Berlin Mission has been at work in Shantung since 1898. There are now three main stations:

(1) Tsingtau. Work in two sections of the city. (a) Dabaudau and (b) Tai-Dungschen.

The Mission house in Tsingtau is located on a hill overlooking the city with a view of the bay and the open sea. Built for two families and roomy. A garden surrounds the house.

The High School building in the garden was destroyed when the city was captured.

In the city the Mission owns a well-located and rather good-sized property on which the Girls' School and dormitory are erected.

Dabaudau and Tai-Dungdschen each have a chapel with residential quarters for a married pastor.

(2) Kiautschou. Here there is a missionary's home for two families and single woman missionary. The surrounding garden is very large. There is a well-built chapel, home for helper and school.

(3) Tsimo, north of Tsingtau, reached by railway and mule-cart in two or three hours. Like Kiautschou a country seat. The mission station is located outside of the city on property containing a building for two small missionary families, chapel, pastor's house and outbuildings. Five minutes distant is a small, well-built hospital with rooms for a woman missionary. Chinese doctor and an unmarried coolie. The lot is 10 Chinese or 5 Prussian acres large.

With Tsingtau eight out-stations are connected; with Kiautschou 9, with Tsimo 14. In sixteen of these out-stations are chapels on lots belonging to the Mission. The other chapels are rented. The number of Christians has shrunken to 1,000 on account of the war and its aftermath.

At each station is a primary school. The higher schools for boys and the Theological Seminary, as well as the Hospital were not reopened after the war. The Girls' School was reopened. In Tsingtau and Kiautschau the women missionaries have trained a number of Bible-women. Four students are being sent to the Joint Lutheran Seminary in Shekow. The industrial schools for agricultural work and the young men's societies in Dabaudau, Tai Dunghschen and Tsimo have not been resumed.

Other missions in and around Tsingtau are American Presbyterians, who started their work before the Berlin Society and have been friendly.

In Dr. Knak's judgment the following points of view should be considered in regard to the transfer:

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(1) Shantung is one of the densely populated provinces of China, as densely populated as parts of Germany.
(2) The people are quiet, reliable, true-hearted, sincere, conservative, slower than those in the South but more serious.
(3) The people are poor and live simple lives. The salaries of Chinese pastors and helpers are comparatively low, approximately $10.00 Mex. per month and lower. The development of the city will increase salaries. Tsingtau will become an important international center. Nearly half of the property of the city remains in the hands of the Japanese, despite the transfer of the province to China in September, 1922.
(4) The language of the people is Mandarin. As a consequence there is much missionary literature available, much more than in Pakhoi, where the Punti Dialect is spoken.
(5) For the development of Christianity in China, and therefore, for the Lutheran Church in China, Shantung is far superior, strategically than Pakhoi.
(6) From Tsingtau Shekow, where the Joint Seminary of the Lutheran Church in China and a center of church government is located, is easily reached by rail, over the Tsingtau-Tsinanfu-Hankow Railroad.
(7) It would be advantageous to continue the development of the Berlin Mission. The main stations are well located far enough apart and yet form a complete whole. The work may be readily developed northward, where the Iai-Jang, a country seat, an out-station has been started with an active congregation. The work may also be extended westward by way of Kiautschau and beyond.

The pioneer work has been done by the Berlin Mission. An organization of the native Church, discussed while I was there, embraces the established work. But the work is still new and conditions plastic, awaiting further development. Lack of funds has held the work back. The aftermath of the war threatens stagnation.

Capable and earnest missionaries and a number of pious and efficient helpers have given work the character of sound piety as the basis of Lutheran teaching. Luther's Small Catechism, which some farmers are known to have tied to their plows in order to prepare themselves for holy baptism, has proven its value in the work.

The retention of the services of missionaries Voskamp and Scholz would insure the continuation of the prestige won by the Berlin missionaries. Voskamp ranks above the average intellectually and is regarded as an outstanding China missionary. He is conversant with the classical Chinese, a good evangelist, an earnest pastor (Seelsorger), and a talented author. He would be invaluable to the New Board in control. His interesting mission reports in American papers are said to have been the incentive which led the Missouri to begin its work in China. He speaks and writes English fluently, having been acquainted with it since childhood.

Missionary Scholz has been in charge of the training of native pastors. His pupils have distinguished themselves as clear thinkers and good preachers. It would be well to locate a preparatory theological

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school at his station, Kiautschau and then send the students for final work to Shekow.

Yours sincerely,
(Signed) MISSIONSDIREKTOR KNAK.

Our Board's action on receipt of this letter was as follows:

Voted 1. That the following cablegram, as suggested by Missiondirektor Knak of the Berlin Society, be sent by Secretary Dr. Wolf: ACERVATE BOARD. This means that the Board is willing to enter into further negotiations with the Berlin Missionary Society for the transfer by purchase of the Shantung field to our Board.

2. That as a basis for these negotiations our Board accepts conditions one, two and three, as stated in Missionsdirektor Knak's letter of May 5th.

3. That the fourth condition be left for further discussion and correspondence.

4. That Secretary Dr. Wolf be directed to seek a conference with Missionsdirektor Knak in Berlin this summer, before or after attending the meeting of the International Missionary Council, and report to the Board.

On July 21, 1923, Dr. Benze and Dr. Wolf met the Committee. Out of this meeting the following proposals were agreed to:

1. That the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Lutheran Church in America will purchase outright all the property and good-will of the Shantung Mission Field of the Berlin Society, paying for it in ten equal installments (or less if possible), and will pay interest at 3 per cent on balances due.

2. That the value of the Mission property shall be fixed by a committee of three, one to be Rev. N. Astrup Larsen, or any one chosen, one to be chosen by the Berlin Society and these two to choose the third member.

3. That upon the first annual payment the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Lutheran Church in America will assume control of the Mission and be wholly responsible for the entire force of native Christian workers as well as the missionaries named in the letter of Missionsdirektor Knak dated May 5, 1923, namely, Missionaries Voskamp, Scholz and Sister Kæthe Voget, provided that the native Christian Church is in sympathy with and agrees to the transfer.

4. That the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Lutheran Church will retain the services of Missionaries Voskamp, Scholz and Sister Kæthe Voget so long as they are willing to work under the Board in control, it being understood that their salaries and allowances are to remain as they are at present until the Board fixes its own scale.

The question most discussed was as to the future, and two proposals were left for the Berlin Society to consider as follows:

"(1) It is agreed that the question of the future of the Berlin Society in Shantung shall be considered with prayerful sympathy, should the way open for their return to the former field.

"(2) An additional statement re the future of the Berlin Society in Shantung: Inasmuch as the Berlin Society has expressed a most earnest desire, if its ability allows in future, to be permitted in some way, to resume mission work in its present Shantung field, by a transfer of some part thereof or by some plan of co-operation: It is further agreed that future negotiations concerning this matter be left an open question to

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be dealt with by the two Societies (Viz. the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Lutheran Church in America and the Berlin Society) should circumstances be favorable to such negotiations as the situation may call for."

It is understood that, if part of the field should be transferred by the Baltimore Board to the Berlin Society, it would be after an agreed price has been fixed as in this case; or should co-operation in work seem best, it shall be of such a nature as shall be fully agreed to by the two parties to this present transfer, or by their successors.

Under date of February 9, 1924, Rev. N. Astrup Larsen writes a report of the Appraisement Committee, consisting of Rev. C. I. Voskamp, Chas. F. Johnson and himself, as follows:

Valuation Berlin Mission Property.—The Committee appointed to appraise the property of the Berlin Mission in Shantung, met Wednesday to Saturday, January 30th to February 2, 1924.

The first day was spent in viewing the property in Tsingtao, Taitungchen, Litsun, and the out-station, Tangyao. The second day the Committee went to Kiaochow and viewed the property there. The third day the property at Tsimo was reviewed.

In all these places disinterested parties, Chinese as well as foreigners, were consulted as to values.

The last day the Committee again met in Tsingtao and hereby submit the following as their findings:

Tsingtao Mission house	$140,000
" Girls' School	50,000
" Church	20,000
Taidungchen chapel, school, etc.	15,000
Litsum church, dwelling and land	12,000
Kiaochow mission house, chapel, school, land, etc.	85,000
Tsimo dwelling, church, hospital and land	40,000
Out-stations in Tsimo district	5,400
" " " Kiaochow district	2,600
" " " Tsingtao district	2,600
Total	$372,600
Deduction for repairs	20,000
Total Mex.	$352,600
At present rate of exchange (U. S. $1.00 about Mex. $1.90).	
Total U. S.	$185,500

Committee:

C. I. VOSKAMP.
CHAS. F. JOHNSON.
N. ASTRUP LARSEN.

The following letter accompanied the above estimate:

Dear Dr. Wolf:—

In compliance with the request of the United Church Board of Foreign

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Missions I have now been in Tsingtao for the purpose of helping to appraise the property of the Berlin Mission. And I hereby submit the Committee's report in connection with which I wish to make a few remarks.

In your letter of August 20th, 1923, you intimated that you would prefer the third member of our Committee to be chosen from the Presbyterian Mission in Shantung. We are very fortunate in securing the Chairman and Secretary of that Mission, Dr. Chas. F. Johnson (M.D.). Dr. Johnson has been in China more than thirty years, and is universally recognized as one of the wisest and best informed missionaries in North China.

As to the Girls' School and Church in Tsingtao we felt that in view of their central location and undoubted value from a business point of view, the estimate of the Berlin Mission was by no means unreasonable. The Presbyterian Mission has recently sold a piece of property less favorably located than the Tsingtao church, and smaller, for the sum of $15,000. Pastor Voskamp reports that a Chinese sometime ago offered him $18,000 for the church property and when Mr. Voskamp intimated that he would not think of selling for that price, the Chinese immediately raised the offer to $20,000. The Girls' School is almost as centrally located, and all inquiries led us to believe that $50,000 was a very fair price.

Time would not allow us to visit the out-stations. We saw only one out-station in the Tsingtao district. The buildings here were substantial and solid, and upon being assured by Pastor Voskamp that the other out-station buildings owned by the Mission were equally substantial we felt that the estimate for out-stations were very conservative.

But as the buildings are nearly all in need of extensive repairs, we felt that a further cut of $20,000 for repairs was not unreasonable. By making this deduction for repairs the total sum was reduced to Mex. $352,600. At present the rate of exchange in Shantung and also in Honan, is about Mex. $1.90 to U. S. $1.00. Figuring on this basis we have therefore placed the sum total to be paid in United States currency at $185,500.

Although we had not been asked to do so, Dr. Johnson and myself thought we might save time for your Board and the Berlin Mission by seeing the American Consul in Tsingtao as to the transfer of property held by former German subjects on the strength of deeds given by the German Government. When the Japanese took possession they compelled Pastor Voskamp to give up most of the deeds given him by the German Government. But the Japanese authorities gave him certain papers to indicate his ownership of all property in question. Now that the Kiaochow territory has been receded to the Chinese Government, it was thought that perhaps complications might arise in a case of transfer. The Consul stated, however, that he thought there would be no difficulties if the German Mission would be able to show clear title of the property as by the Washington Agreement the Chinese authorities have bound themselves to respect and safeguard the legitimate vested interests of the different powers within the leased territories. He expressed himself as very much interested in the matter and promised to take it up with the legation at Peking and thus make preparations for the contemplated transfer. He declared that in order to facilitate matters, after the transfer is ultimately decided upon, the Berlin Mission ought to give full power of attorney to Pastor Voskamp, and your Board likewise appoint some person with full power of attorney to represent you in the

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matter. The property in Kiaochow and Tsimo districts is all held on the strength of regular Chinese deeds and should present no difficulties whatever.

I cannot refrain from saying a word or two as to the importance of Tsingtao. I had heard about the beauties of the place and the splendid city laid out by the Germans. I had therefore expected much, but must nevertheless say that the reality surpassed my expectations. Tsingtao is a thoroughly modern and up-to-date city, well laid out with broad streets, and most beautifully situated upon what has by some been expressed as the best deep-water harbor on the Chinese coast. If some day the plans of the Germans are realized, and Shantung railway continued westward through western China, Tsingtao should automatically become a far more important port than at present. For these and other reasons, I am very eager to see the United Church come to Shantung and build up a strong Lutheran Church at Tsingtao and surrounding territory.

Dr. Johnson asked me as to your Board's plans for the future, whether you intended to retain the German missionaries, etc. He expressed a very definite hope that you would decide to retain the present missionaries, especially Pastor Voskamp who is well and favorably known not only in Shantung, but also in other parts of China, and has won universal respect and confidence of all who know him. I cannot but say that I fully share Dr. Johnson's views of the matter. But though I hope that you will decide, in case of transfer, to retain the present German missionaries, I also hope that you will be able to send a large staff of well-prepared young men and women at an early date to join them and put the now very much under-staffed work upon its feet again.

Hoping that the contemplated transfer may be made, and that we may soon have the joy of welcoming the United Church in China, I am

Yours very sincerely,

(Signed) N. ASTRUP LARSEN.

The Board's action was as follows:

In view of the action taken by our Board on May 24, 1923, and in view of agreements made at the Berlin Conference with Dr. L. B. Wolf, July 20-23 1923, the following resolutions were adopted as the terms of settlement for the transfer of the Shantung field to the United Lutheran Church in America:

(1) That the Board of Foreign Missions accepts the estimate of the value of property in the Berlin mission field, Shantung Province, as fixed by the special appraisement committee at $353,600 Mexican, or $185,500 United States.

(2) The sum of $10,000 be paid by July 1, 1924, to the Berlin Missionary Society as a first installment for the purchase of its mission property in the Shantung field, and that on or before January 15th of each year subsequent to that date, an annual payment of at least one-tenth of the principle with interest at 3 per cent shall be made on account of this purchase until the entire purchase price of $185,000 shall have been paid provided that the Berlin Missionary Society shows clear title to the property and makes transfer of the same to the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Lutheran Church on or before January 1, 1925.

(3) That the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Lutheran Church appoints Rev. J. Astrup Larsen with full power of attorney on

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its behalf, and requests the Berlin Missionary Society likewise to appoint someone with full power of attorney to act for it in this transfer.

(4) That on and after January 1, 1925, the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Lutheran Church will assume full authority financially and administratively, of the Shantung mission work, retaining for the present the services of Missionaries Voskamp, Scholz, and Sister Kæthe Voget.

(5) That in order to consumate this transfer and conduct this Mission in China the Board of Foreign Missions requests the United Lutheran Church to add to its present budget $50,000 annually for the China mission.

Action was somewhat delayed due to some questions raised on the last point, viz., the return of some part of the field, or the question of future co-operation. The Board made its final answer in the following:

1. That our Board is prepared, if the Berlin Society agrees, to take over the Shantung Mission on the terms indicated at the original Conference held in Berlin in July, 1923.

2. That the Board is satisfied and willing to stand by a sympathetic interpretation of the statements contained in its representative's report, and that under the conditions pointed out, the question of the Berlin Society resuming work and the conditions under which it shall be resumed, is left open for future determination on the same conditions under which our Board now is willing to assume the responsibility of the Shantung field.

3. That in regard to any further missionaries than the ones named, it is quite willing to give sympathetic consideration, but would call the Berlin Society's attention to the fact that the matter was left an open question to be determined when the time comes, the appointment of such missionaries to be settled by the consideration of each case on its merits as our Board settles appointments of its own missionaries.

Voted, That the present negotiations cover the transfer of the entire Shantung field to our Board, but our Board agrees to reopen negotiations for the return of a part of this field to the Berlin Society should the society present a request to resume mission work in this field within ten years from the date of the transfer.

The final letter from the Berlin Society reads as follows:

Berlin, July 9, 1924.

Reverend and dear Brethren:—

It is now a little over a year that negotiations have been carried on between your and our Board, with reference to the transfer of our Mission property in Shantung in North China.

We have also received a letter from Dr. Wolf of your Board informing us of your resolution of March 27, 1924, and we hasten to inform you of our decision in this matter.

We are convinced that this is the way appointed by God's wise providence, consequently we accept your proposition as the proper and only way out of the difficulties.

We herewith declare ourselves to be in full accord with the four items of your resolution of March 27, 1924.

1. That the value of our property in Shantung is fixed at the sum of $185,500.

2. That a payment of $10,000 United States currency be made during 1924, that further, the remaining balance be paid by annual installments

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of at least 1-10 of the principal—besides 3 per cent interest, on or before the 15th day of January of each year, until the total or $185,500 be paid in full. It is understood that we deliver the deeds of the property in Shantung to your Board by January, 1925.

3. That the United Lutheran Church and the Berlin Mission appoint each one commissioner who shall act as their representative at the transfer of the property. We welcome the appointment of the Rev. Astrup Larsen and reserve the right to appoint a competent commissioner after consultation with our missionary superintendent, Dr. Voskamp.

4. That beginning January 1, 1925, your Board assume full control of the Shantung field, including financial responsibility, as well as the support of the missionary superintendent, Dr. Voskamp, Theo. Scholz and Sister Kæthe Voget.

We take for granted that your Board will carry out certain resolutions communicated by Dr. Wolf on May 14, 1924, and repeated since; namely, first—the possibility of an eventual return by the Berlin Mission to the old field; second, the support of additional missionaries by your Board. Both tentative propositions have been the result of a conference in Berlin in which Dr. Wolf and Dr. Benze participated. We understand this verbal agreement is not binding for the present, but we reserve the privilege for our Berlin Mission to reopen the matter, if request is made before January 1, 1935, in case we should be strong enough to assume the work, partially at least.

In making a transfer of real estate from your Board to ours the present appraised value will be considered as a basis for negotiations.

The probabilities of renewing as stated above are very small under present conditions.

In addition to the support of above-named missionaries we would kindly ask you to support the following workers also: Missionary W. Matzat in Tsimo and Sister Frieda Strecker in Kautschu. . . We believe it would be a great calamity for the field at Shantung to remove our workers, or to be compelled to call them home, especially as there is a lack of workers, to say nothing of efficient workers on the field. To demonstrate this lack of workers we just wish to mention a few items. The great competition on the field, which is caused by the work of the Adventists, Presbyterians and Swedish Baptists, aiming at the complete isolation of our work. Had we sufficient means we would now, as soon as possible, create new stations, main stations, in Dschuidschong where we had a station in former years, in Gaijini, where the liberal German Missionsverein (protestant) did some medical work until the war, eventually also in Gingdschi, and especially in Laiyang, to the north of Tsimo, the country seat, where one of our most vigorous congregations under the able leadership of a consecrated, active, forward pushing young preacher flourishes. That is the work that should be done —but probably better than that the fact that before he war we had alone in Shantung 7 workers (Missionaries) where we today have only 3, demonstrates the lack of able workers. Even after the transfer of the present working staff it will be necessary to add American missionaries to the force.

We also would like to point out the necessity of opening a station in the capital—Peking, for the good of the work as a whole. The prerequisite for this is a strong mission field in the Hinterland. Our work in Shantung would furnish this. We have been forced by lack of means only to decline all invitations to go to Peking.

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We are forwarding a letter to our superintendent, Dr. Voskamp, asking him to convey to you in proper form the title of our property there. Also in proper form to ask our congregations if they have any objections to the change of supervision. We shall point out that difficulties regarding finances will be alleviated by the kindness of the American friends which are better able to care for the work financially than we, for as we trust you understand fully, there is no other reason whatever that caused our withdrawal.

Finally we ask you to consider the following proposition. During our conference in Berlin we spoke of the advisability of employing additional German missionaries in Shantung, but the matter was not fully settled. Should you fail to win men in your own home church, we would gladly recommend candidates who have taken the preparatory course over there. Any inquiry concerning this proposition would be gladly received by us.

At this time we call attention to the fact that we have a large number of medical men, efficient doctors, for the service. These cannot be sent by German Mission Societies for lack of funds.

For instance some time ago our Berlin Society for Medical Mission work advertised for medical men. Among 50 applications there were especially two, one from a physician in Southern Germany and another from a Dr. Buhre of the Balticum.

We have in Tsimo a hospital under the supervision of Mrs. Matzat, but the work had grown too great for her. If you should decide to send more medical missionaries we would gladly recommend Dr. Buhre, or other applicants.

We would have sent you an outline of the contract between you and ourselves, had we not believed that we should wait for an expression of your opinion toward these our wishes.

We do not doubt that our wishes will be met in a brotherly manner and we look upon the matter as if a decision regarding the future of our Shantung work has already been made. With a sad heart we relinquish the work of this field and we praise the grace of God which has moved a great Lutheran Church to come to the rescue of our Chinese work at this hour of perplexity and danger to save the work for the Kingdom of God, for the pure gospel and for the Church of Luther.

We are confident that as we have endeavored to bring the gospel to the heathen and Christians, so will also your Board and missionaries. We promise always to uphold with our prayers the work that was ours and that now is about to become yours.

In Christian service cordially yours,
(Signed) MULLER.

CHINA

Estimate for 1925

Budget	$25,000.00
Initial payment to Berlin Mission Society	10,000.00
Second payment to Berlin Mission Society, Jan. 1, 1925	10,000.00
5 Missionaries taken over from the German Society	5,000.00
3 Missionaries to be sent out from America	6,000.00
2 single Missionaries	1,800.00
Travel expenses and outfit	2,200.00
Total	$60,000.00

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HOME BASE

LITERATURE

Because nothing is more essential to the cultivation of the home base than the publication and distribution of interesting and inspiring missionary literature, the Board has given much attention to the department of publicity. The annual report of our missions is an established feature of this department. Another is the publication of two monthly magazines. The *Foreign Missionary* has increased its circulation to over 10,000 and is highly commended wherever it is read because of its interesting contents and attractive appearance. *Der Missionsbote* has a subscription of 4,000.

The literature published and distributed in connection with the Foreign Mission Forward Fund appeal and the observance of the annual Foreign Mission Day at the close of the Epiphany season, has greatly stimulated the cause of foreign missions in the home Church.

We may be permitted in this connection to draw attention to Dr. George Drach's book on "Forces in Foreign Missions," published by the United Lutheran Publication Board, as one of a contemplated series of study books planned by the Conference of Secretaries and to be prepared under the general editorship of Drs. M. G. G. Scherer and F. H. Knubel. It should be widely used in study classes throughout our Church during the next few years.

The twenty-one stereopticon lectures of the Board have been extensively used and have given excellent satisfaction.

PATRON AND PROTEGE

It is remarkable how many individuals, societies, Sunday schools and congregations desire to undertake special work in our foreign fields. The outstanding feature of this department is the list of patrons supporting foreign missionaries, as follows:

Patron	*Pastor*	*Missionary*	*Field*
Allentown, Pa., St. John's	W. C. Schaeffer, Jr.	Oscar V. Werner	India
Altoona, Pa., 2d Church	G. N. Lauffer	Harry Goedke	India
Ashland, Ohio, Trinity	A. H. Smith	J.M. Armbruster	B.Aires
Baltimore, St. Mark's	R. D. Clare	L. Cannaday	India
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Dayton, Ohio, First	M. H. Krumbine	G. N. Schillinger	Japan
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Greensburg Conf. S. S. Association		W. F. Adolphsen	India
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Harrisburg, Pa., Zion's	S. W. Herman	J. K. Linn	Japan
Harrisburg, Pa., Zion's	S. W. Herman	R.M. Dunkelberger	India
Harrisburg, Pa., Memorial	L. C. Manges	G. R. Haaf	India

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Hummelstown, Pa., Zion's	C. G. Leatherman	R. J. White	B. Aires
Huntingdon, Pa., St. James'	E. L. Manges	Not Yet Assigned	
Icelandic Synod		S. O. Thorlaksson	Japan
Johnstown, Pa., First	H. W. Snyder	A. J. Stirewalt	Japan
Kitchener, Ont., St. Peter's	H. A. Sperling	L. Irshick	India
Mansfield, Ohio, First	H. C. Roehner	C. E. Norman	Japan
Mansfield, Ohio, First	H. C. Roehner	J. C. Finefrock	India
New York State Luther League		F. W. Heins	Japan
Norristown, Pa., Trinity	P. Z. Strodach	E. Neudoerffer	India
Perkasie, Pa., Hilltown	C. A. Miller	George Cope	Liberia
Philadelphia, Pa., Tabernacle	W. J. Miller, Jr.	M. L. Dolbeer	India
Philadelphia, Pa., Messiah	J. R. Stover	R. L. Yund	Liberia
Philadelphia, Pa., John E. Miller	John E. Miller	J. E. Graefe	India
Philadelphia, Pa., Temple	A. Pohlman	J. Larsen	Liberia
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Pittsburgh, Pa., N. S., Mt. Zion	G. E. Swoyer	J. A. Linn	Japan
Pittsburgh, Pa., First	C. P. McLaughlin	F. L. Coleman	India
Pottstown, Pa., Emmanuel	I. B. Kurtz	F. J. Fiedler	India
Princeton, Ill., English	K. E. Irvin	H. C. Leonard	Liberia
Reading, Pa., Trinity	E. Pfatteicher	E. T. Horn	Japan
Rockford, Ill., Trinity	H. M. Bannen	C. W. Hepner	Japan
Rockford, Ill., Trinity	H. M. Bannen	F. H. Bloch	Liberia
Shippensburg, Pa., Memorial	R. S. Bowers	J. R. Strock	India
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Sterling, Ill., St. John's	E. C. Harris	H. E. Dickey	India
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Wilmington, Del.	Dr. Chas. M. Stine	J. J. Raun	India
Winchester, Va., Grace	A. Kelly	L. S. G. Miller	Japan
York, Pa., Zion's	G. A. Getty	J. R. Fink	India
Zanesville, Ohio, St. John's	W. L. Dowler	P. M. Counts	Liberia

Native Workers Supported

The following congregations and societies are contributing $200 or more annually:

Place	Church	Patron	Protege	Field	Amount
Rockford, Ill.	Trinity	H. M. Bannen	V. Ch. John	India	$1,000
Arendtsville, Pa.	Lutheran	A. R. McCauslin	N. Asaji	Japan	800
Huntingdon, Pa.	Lutheran	A. B. Van Ormer	I. Guzman	Argentina	600
Y. P. Societies	United Danish Church		N. Asaji	Japan	400
Y P. League	United Danish, N. Dak. Dist.		Kawase	Japan	300
Philadelphia, Pa.	Scherer Family	E. C. Cronk	Ishimatsu	Japan	250
Steelton, Pa.	St. John's	C. N. Shindler	A. Turkle	Liberia	250
Philadelphia, Pa.	Holy Communion	Blanche E. Henniger	S. Kawagiri	Japan	200
Y. P. League	United Danish, Minnesota Dist.		A. Kazunami	Japan	200

Others are being supported by smaller annual payments.

Those who make annual payments ranging from $25 to $800 a year for the support of proteges in our foreign fields constitute a list of about seven hundred names and addresses.

The Board expects to inaugurate a new and most interesting plan of special objectives in the near future. It has asked the India mission to prepare a list of stations and out-stations with estimates of the approximate sums required for their support by patrons in America. Already a number of congregations have applied for assignments of such stations.

The United Danish Church continues to support its parish abroad,

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which includes Kurume, Amagi, Hiida, Moji and Shimonoseki. The Icelandic Synod supports Rev. S. O. Thorlaksson, one of its members, as a missionary in Japan.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Board of Foreign Missions at the Buffalo Convention was voted an apportionment for the biennium of $1,090,000.00 for the general work on all fields. This amount is not supplemented by the Women's Missionary Society. This Society makes up a separate budget of its needs and raises it and besides this pays all the salaries of the single women missionaries. As will appear in the comparative statement which follows this, the Board has realized a considerable increase over the previous biennium, but it is due to the effort to raise the Foreign Mission Forward Fund, which shows $114,133.00. The Treasurer would draw the Convention's attention, under a few simple heads, to a comparative statement of receipts and expenses of the last and present bienniums:

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF BOARD TREASURER OF THE PREVIOUS AND PRESENT BIENNIUMS

RECEIPTS

	1921-22	1923-24
Received on Apportionment	$689,942.05	$699,256.40
Received from Augustana Synod		45,646.46
Received from Danish Synod	61,745.48	20,162.34
Received from Icelandic Synod		2,400.00
Women's Missionary Society	300,016.29	415,425.72
Interest	21,863.52	32,462.85
Publications, Slides and Rental, etc.	7,360.23	9,791.33
Special Funds—F. M. F. F.; R. D. J. A. F. and Japan Relief	171,755.29	182,059.77
Trust Funds	14,364.20	
General Donations, not included in apportionment	50,013.69	204,117.15
Bequests	24,141.41	15,401.56
Annuities	26,550.00	9,652.81
	$1,367,752.16	$1,636,376.39

DISBURSEMENTS

	1921-22	1923-24
Budgets	$577,267.22	$688,403.48
Salaries of missionaries	133,437.32	203,773.23
Travel to and from fields	64,484.17	66,303.45
Expenses of Missionaries on furlough and Candidates	1,175.00 10,757.51	22,903.02
Secretaries, Treasurer, Board Representatives, Clerks, Stenographers	25,754.88	36,452.38
Publicity	11,179.10	10,709.60
Publicity and Slides	13,564.46	13,399.92

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Office Expenses and Supplies, Postage, Expressage, Tel. and Tel.....	7,310.33	12,740.92
Property Expenses, Improvements, etc.—18 East Mt. Vernon Place.....		6,098.79
Interest on Annuities.....	3,422.50	4,678.36
Contributions to Intermissionary Organizations	3,565.25	2,553.80
Special on R. D. J. A. F.—F. M. F. F.....		50,553.47
	124,954.44	114,693.23
Women's Missionary Society.....	334,443.23	409,202.90
	$1,311,315.41	$1,642,466.55

This statement shows that if you deduct the contributions of the Women's Missionary Society and the Special Funds received on the Japan Relief, Reformation Diamond Jubilee and Foreign Mission Forward Fund, amounting to $471,980.58 in previous biennium, and $597,485.49 in this biennium, the current funds amounted to $895,980.58 and $1,038,-890.90 respectively for the bienniums or, the actual amount for current funds was $142,910.32 more for the latter than the former period.

The current expenses for the former biennium were $871,318.27 and for the latter $1,067,016.95, or expenses ran $195,698.68 higher for the latter than for the former period.

Reformation Diamond Jubilee Fund

The Reformation Diamond Jubilee Advance Fund shows receipts amounting to		$257,011.37
Expenditures on India "Specials" under this Fund amount to	$54,824.16	
Amounts allotted to the Africa Mission to date..	3,300.00	
Purchase of 18 East Mt. Vernon Place..... ($2,000 yet to be adjusted in the Books of the Board).	15,500.00	
Additional Funds invested under Endowment for higher education	60,000.00	
Total Expenses in raising Fund.....	7,914.98	$141,539.14
Balance in Fund.....		$115,472.23

Annuities

The annuities have been greatly reduced by the death of several annuitants and at present they amount to $27,452.81. During the past biennium the following were received:

Miss Mary Weaver.....	January,	1923.....	$152.81
Mrs. Carrie Sypher.....	April	"	500.00
Elizabeth M. Schmauck.....	May	"	5,000.00
Louise E. Chisolm.....	June	"	1,000.00
Carrie D. Stephens.....	June	"	500.00
Dr. George Scholl.....	July	"	1,000.00
E. H. Trafford.....	January,	1924.....	1,000.00
Jas. S. and Sarah Jane Schreffler.....	June	"	500.00
Total			$9,652.81

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Bequests

The bequests made to our Board and realized in the biennium were as follows:

Sept. 16, '22	Anna M. Lake		$450.00
Sept. 23, '22	Butt & Butt, Attys., care of Shoemaker Bequest	$1,000	
Sept. 26, '22	Butt & Butt, Attys., care of Shoemaker Bequest	500	
May 24, '23	Butt & Butt, Attys., care of Shoemaker Bequest	1,300	2,800.00
Nov. 25, '22	John D. Cappleman, care of J. F. Lown		500.00
Feb. 27, '23	Hannah M. Hankey		452.50
Dec. 1, '22	Wm. H. Staake, care of Rebecca Berkheimer		512.13
Apr. 28, '23	D. L. Gladfelter, care of Will of Frank A. Richards		100.00
May 24, '23	Annie R. Sweigard, Ex. Will of Anna Ruhl		181.00
June 8, '23	Chas. I. McNett, Atty. Est. of Nellie S. Anderson		2,433.13
	(½ to Board of Foreign Missions)		
	(½ to Board of West Indies Missions)		
Nov. 22, '23	Philadelphia Trust Co., care of Will of Mary E. Monroe		5,000.00
	Croll Kellar a-c Gilbert Memorial Fund		1,000.00
Apr. 17, '24	Through I. L. Taylor (party not known)		500.00
Apr. 9, '24	Mrs. W. O. Keyser Tr. W. M. Evang. Synod of Nebraska		500.00
	Jonathan Reitz Estate		4,773.44
	John C. Guether Estate		220.86
June 7, '24	Lehigh Valley Trust Co. a-c Will of Amelia Ziegler		181.00
	Total		$19,604.06

Our Board presented to the Executive Board the following budget for the years of the biennium:

Board Budget:	1926	1927
Home Base	$50,400	
Unforseen 3 per cent	18,600	
African Mission:		
General Budget	37,800	
Salaries	12,000	
Travel	6,600	
New Missionaries	2,400	
India Mission:		
General Budget	207,700	
Salaries	50,400	
Travel	18,000	
New Missionaries	9,600	
Breklum	36,400	

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Japan Mission:		
General Budget	93,200	
Salaries	24,000	
Travel	9,600	
New Missionaries	4,800	
British Guiana:		
General Budget	1,400	
Salaries	1,200	
Travel	1,200	
New Missionaries	1,800	
Buenos Aires:		
General Budget	56,400	
Salaries	6,000	
Travel	1,200	
New Missionaries	1,200	
	$651,900	$651,900
Total apportionment asked for each year of the coming biennium	$651,900	$651,900
China Mission, Board's action March, 1924	50,000	
Russian Mission, United Lutheran Church Buffalo Convention action	20,000	
Total asked from the churches for each year of the biennium	$721,900	$721,900

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Board recommends the following resolutions, to the Convention, for adoption:

1. THANKSGIVING.—*Resolved,* That we give thanks to God, Who, during the past two years, has continued to bless and prosper our missions and missionaries in India; Liberia, Africa; Japan; British Guiana and Buenos Aires, South America.

2. PRAYER.—*Resolved,* That during the presentation of this report the President of the Board set apart a period of intercession and thanksgiving.

3. LA PLATA SYNOD.—*Resolved,* That the proposed cooperation of the Mission in Argentina with the La Plata Synod in the establishment of a United Lutheran Church in Argentina, on the doctrinal basis of the United Lutheran Church in America, be approved.

4. CHINA MISSION.—*Resolved,* (1) That the transfer of the mission of the Berlin Missionary Society in the Shantung province of China to the United Lutheran Church in America, on the agreed conditions, be ratified, and

(2) That a letter be sent by the Board of Foreign Missions to each pastor in the United Lutheran Church, describing this newly acquired China Mission and the Board's plans in regard to it, and soliciting initial

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contributions in 1925 for this new mission in order that there may be money to pay the first year's expenses, for which no provision has been made in the apportionment.

5. TELUGU CHRISTIAN COLLEGE.—*Resolved,* (1) That the Board of Foreign Missions be authorized to accept the invitation of the Andhra Christian Council in India to establish a first grade college for the Telugu area, India, at a central place to be determined as soon as the location of the proposed Andhra University has been fixed, and

(2) That the Board of Foreign Missions be authorized to invite other Protestant Boards and Societies which have missions in the Telugu area, to cooperate in the establishment and maintenance of this college on a basis of cooperation in harmony with the principles laid down by the United Lutheran Church in America, in 1920, in its Washington Declaration, it being understood the majority of the Board of Directors of the College shall be members of the Lutheran Church, and

(3) That the convention commends this project to the sympathetic cooperation of the congregations and benevolent individuals in our Church.

(4) That to stimulate interest in foreign missions, and especially in this college, Foreign Mission Conferences shall be held at some center or centers in each synodical territory, after consultation with the President of the Synod.

6. MAGAZINES.—*Resolved,* That the Convention heartily commends to all our pastors and people the Board's magazines, "The Foreign Missionary" and "Der Missionsbote," as the official organs of the Church in the promotion of the cause of world evangelization.

7. *Resolved,* That the Convention recognizes the material assistance and sympathetic cooperation of the Augustana Synod, the United Danish Church, and the Icelandic Synod, and requests the election of Prof. C. W. Foss as a regular member of the Board of Foreign Missions, as provided by the action of the Washington Convention (See Minutes, page 208).

EZRA K. BELL, *President.*
GEORGE DRACH, *Secretary.*
LUTHER B. WOLF, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

For the Year Ended 31st July, 1924

ASSETS:

Cash in Banks and on Hand	$108.029.89	
Investments, at ledger values	193,592.14	
		$301,622.03

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FUNDS:		
Trust Funds	$164,152.46	
Annuity Funds	27,452.81	
Foreign Mission Forward Fund	32,921.50	
Reformation Diamond Jubilee Advance Fund	91,713.85	
Japan Earthquake Relief Fund	8,278.64	
Women's Missionary Society Fund	21,939.37	
	$346,458.63	
General Fund, Overdraft, borrowed from other Funds	44,836.60	
		$301,622.03

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

For the Year Ended July 31, 1924

RECEIPTS:

	General Fund	Women's Missionary Society Fund	Other Funds
United Church on Apportionment	$372,734.40		
Women's Missionary Society		$209,192.22	
Augustana Synod	22,088.15		
Danish Synod	12,668.88		
Icelandic Synod	1,200.00		
Donations (through Board Treasurer and General Treasurer)	114,846.88		
Bequests	12,175.30		
Donations for Specific Funds			$119,654.60
Annuities			1,500.00
Interest on Investments	12,782.98		
Interest on Bank Balances	1,460.93		
The Foreign Missionary	2,372.86		
Der Missionbote	2,150.67		
Rental of Slides	367.49		
Rental of Garage	200.00		
Collection of Account of Mortgage	1,000.00		
	$556,048.54	$209,192.22	$121,154.60

DISBURSEMENTS:

Budget paid to Missions	$325,181.48	$92,780.80
Specials paid to Missions	20,384,31	97,283.64
Salaries of Missionaries	93,250.32	42,892.65
Salaries of Secretaries and Board Representatives	7,475.00	
Salaries of Clerks, Stenographers, etc.	5,096.00	
Expenses of Missionaries traveling to and from fields	31,238.86	9,465.20
Expenses of Treasurer, Secretaries and Board Representatives	4,702.90	
Expenses of Missionaries on Furlough	8,387.08	2,188.56

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Expenses of Candidates and Students	3,585.47	4,307.99	
Disbursements from Specific Funds....			114,693.23
Publicity	4,612.06		
The Foreign Missionary	4,058.25		
Der Missionsbote	2,140.24		
Expenses of Slides	39.98		
Office Supplies and Expenses	1,958.40		
Telephone, Telegraph and Cables	477.65		
Postage and Expressage	949.57		
Forward	$513,537.57	$248,918.84	$114,693.23

	General Fund	Women's Missionary Society Fund	Other Funds
Receipts, Forward	$556,048.54	$209,192.22	$121,154.60
Disbursements, Forward	$513,537.57	$248,918.84	$114,693.23
Auditing	1,530.26		
General Office Expenses	1,364.99		
Contributions to Intermissionary Organizations	1,150.00		
Special Allowances and Pensions	1,864.57		
Annuity Interest	2,126.44		
Expenses of Property	959.22		
	$522,533.05	$248,918.84	$114,693.23
Excess or Deficiency of Receipts	$33,515.49	$39,726.62	$6,461.37

RECONCILEMENT OF CASH

For the Yead Ended July 31, 1924

	General Fund	Women's Missionary Society Fund	Other Funds
Balances, August 1, 1923	$28,702.11	$58,454.40	$78,027.36
Receipts	556,048.54	209,192.22	121,154.60
	$527,346.43	$267,646.62	$199,181.96
Disbursements	522,533.05	248,918.84	114,693.23
Balances, July 31, 1924	$4,813.38	$18,727.78	$84,488.73
		$108,029.89	

Respectfully submitted,

L. B. WOLF, *Treasurer.*

PHILADELPHIA, August 26, 1924.

We have audited the accounts of the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Lutheran Church in America for the year ended July 31, 1924, and we certify that the foregoing Balance Sheet, Receipts and Disbursements,

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etc., are in accordance with the books of account and, in our opinion, are correct.

LYBRAND, ROSS BROS. & MONTGOMERY,
Accountants and Auditors.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

For the Year Ended 31st July, 1923

Cash in banks and on hand	$107,779.65	
Investments, at ledger values	191,592.14	
		$299,371.79
FUNDS:		
Trust Funds	$138,152.46	
Annuity Funds	48,752.81	
Miscellaneous Funds	191,829.82	
Women's Missionary Society Fund	68,088.40	
	$446,823.49	
General Fund, Overdraft, borrowed from other Funds	147,451.70	
		$299,371.79

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

For the Year Ended 31st July, 1923

RECEIPTS:

	General Fund	Women's Missionary Society Fund	Other Funds
United Church on Apportionment	$326,522.00		
Women's Missionary Society		$206,103.40	
Augustana Synod	22,073.15		
Danish Synod	7,493.46		
Icelandic Synod	1,200.00		
Donations (through Board Treasurer and General Treasurer	102,446.84	130.10	
Bequests	7,428.76		
Donations for Specific Purposes	2,237.00		$54,152.36
Annuities			8,152.81
Interest on Investments	16,372.45		
Interest on Bank Balances	1,846.49		
The Foreign Missionary	2,638.11		
Der Missionbote	1,557.77		
Rental of Slides	344.43		
Rental of Garage	100.00		
Trust Funds			100.00
Securities Sold or Matured	28,273.77		
Profit on Securities Sold or Matured	735.00		
	$521,269.23	$206,233.50	$62,405.17

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Cash Receipts	$780,282.90
Securities Received	9,625.00
Total Receipts	$789,907.90

DISBURSEMENTS:

Budgets Paid to Missions	$334,925.76	$87,869.90	
Specials Paid to Missions	12,167.31	7,623.47	
Salaries of Missionaries	104,734.15	44,101.21	
Salaries of Secretaries and Board Representatives	8,525.00		
Salaries of Clerks, Stenographers, etc.	4,633.00		
Expenses of Missionaries traveling to and from Fields	36,264.59	14,828.04	
Expenses of Treasurer, Secretary and Board Representatives	4,155.61		
Expenses of Missionaries on Furlough	7,514.78	1,029.76	
Students' Allowances and Expenses	3,415.69	2,006.68	
Disbursements from Specific Funds	3,462.62	2,825.00	$50,553.47
Publicity	6,097.54		
The Foreign Missionary	4,672.08		
Der Missionbote	2,426.03		
Expenses of Slides	63.34		
Office Supplies and Expenses	2,026.65		
Office Rental	250.00		
Telephone, Telegraph and Cables	379.68		
Postage and Expressage	979.74		
Auditing	1,041.09		
General Office Expenses	1,420.18		
Contributions to Intermissionary Organizations	1,403.80		
Special Allowances and Pensions	3,355.88		
Forward	$543,914.52	$160,284.06	$50,553.47

	General Fund	Women's Missionary Society Fund	Other Funds
Receipts, Forward	$521,269.23	$206,233.50	$62,405.17
Disbursements, Forward	$543,914.52	$160,284.06	$50,553.47
Annuity Interest	2,551.92		
Securities Purchased	20,930.00		
Purchase of Property, 18 E. Mt. Vernon Place	15,500.00		
Improvement to Property, 18 E. Mt. Vernon Place	1,550.00		
Furnishings for 18 E. Mt. Vernon Place	855.13		
Other expenses of property, 18 E. Mt. Vernon Place	2,734.44		
	$588,036.01	$160,284.06	$50,553.47
Excess or Deficiency of Receipts	$66,766.78	$45,949.44	$11,851.70

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RECONCILEMENT OF CASH

For the Year Ended 31st July, 1923

	General Fund	Women's Missionary Society Fund	Other Funds
Balances, August 1, 1922	$42,689.67	$12,504.96	$71,175.66
Receipts	516,644.23	206,233.50	57,405.17
	$559,333.90	$218,738.46	$128,580.83
Disbursements	588,036.01	160,284.06	50,553.47
Balances, July 31, 1923	$28,702.11	$58,454.40	$78,027.36
		$107,779.65	

Respectfully submitted,
L. B. WOLF, *Treasurer.*

PHILADELPHIA, 16th June, 1924.

We have audited the accounts of the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Lutheran Church in America for the year ended 31st July, 1923, and we certify that the foregoing Balance Sheet, Receipts and Disbursements, etc., are in accordance with the books of account and are correct.

LYBRAND, ROSS BROS & MONTGOMERY,
Accountants and Auditors.

On motion to adopt the first two resolutions, the Rev. J. Frank Heilman, Field Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, and Dr. Wolf addressed the Convention.

Resolutions (I) and (II) were adopted by a rising vote and the Rev. Paul E. Scherer led in the prayer of intercession and thanksgiving.

The Rev. O. C. D. Klaehn led in the closing prayer.

The Convention adjourned until 2:00 o'clock.

Afternoon Session

Friday, October 24, 2:00 P. M.

The President called the Convention to order.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. E. A. Sievert.

The Chairman of the Committee of Reference and Counsel offered the following resolution which was adopted:

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WHEREAS, There is in the report of the Committee on Moral and Social Welfare a resolution (No. 8) with reference to which there seems to exist much difference of opinion, and

WHEREAS, the present order places the report of this committee late in the session in this Convention, and

WHEREAS, the pressure of business before the Convention requires careful conservation of time,

Be It Resolved, (1) That the report of the Committee on Moral and Social Welfare be set as a special order of business at the beginning of the session on Monday morning, October 27th.

(2) That debate upon the resolution referred to be limited to a total of thirty minutes.

(3) That all persons desiring to present substitute resolutions or to speak upon the resolution apply to the Committee of Reference and Counsel for an assignment of time.

(4) That ten minutes of the period assigned be retained for general discussion by speakers other than those so applying for permission to speak and for speeches in answer to arguments advanced.

(5) That if at the end of the thirty minutes assigned for this discussion the Convention is not ready to agree upon some resolution the whole matter be referred to a special committee which shall include in its membership a representative of each resolution proposed. This committee to prepare a resolution for recommendation to the Convention on Tuesday morning.

The Chairman also presented the following resolution from the Administrative Committee of the Laymen's Movement:

Resolved, That the United Lutheran Church in convention assembled urge upon all its Constituent Synods the importance of their giving fullest support to the Executive Committee of the Laymen's Movement in their continued vigorous organized efforts to accomplish the raising of the apportionment in full in each of the Synods of the United Lutheran Church for the biennium 1926 and 1927. Each Constituent Synod is further requested to take definite action on the matter at the next convention.

The resolution was adopted.

The Chairman of the Committee of Reference and Counsel introduced to the Convention the Revs. C. E. Norman, representative of the Church in Japan; J. D. Curran, representative of the Church in Africa; and J. Roy Strock, representative of the mission field in India, and moved that during such time as the report of the Foreign Mission Board is being considered these representatives be given the privilege of the floor.

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The motion was carried.

The Rev. G. A. Brandelle, D.D., President of the Augustana Synod, was introduced and addressed the Convention conveying the greetings of that body.

Upon request of the President, Dr. F. F. Fry made the response.

The Rev. J. J. Scherer, Jr., reported for Nominating Committee No. 3 as follows:

For Board of Foreign Missions: Rev. E. K. Bell, Rev. C. T. Benze, Rev. R. C. G. Bielinski, Rev. M. J. Epting, Rev. J. A. Singmaster, Mr. James Snyder, Prof. C. W. Foss, Rev. A. O. Becker, Rev. A. MacIntosh, Rev. J. J. Schindel, Rev. H. W. Snyder, Rev. J. A. Weyl, Mr. R. F. Bowe, Mr. Harvey C. Miller.

For Board of Home Missions and Church Extension: Rev. J. M. Francis, Rev. C. J. Smith, Rev. H. B. Stock, Rev. J. E. Whitteker, Mr. A. R. Bard, Mr. J. H. Rehder, Prof. S. J. Derrick, Rev. F. A. Dressel, Rev. H. D. Hoover, Rev. A. H. Keck, Rev. C. W. Leitzell, Mr. H. Belmer, Mr. A. F. Sittloh, Hon. J. L. Zimmerman.

For Board of Northwestern Missions: Rev. G. A. Benze, Rev. E. C. J. Kraeling, Rev. H. Rembe, Sr., Rev. C. S. Roberts, Rev. H. D. E. Siebott, Prof. C. Hausmann, Mr. Ernest Muncke, Rev. F. H. Bosch, Rev. H. Offermann, Rev. T. Posselt, Rev. R. Schmidt, Rev. W. C. Veit, Mr. F. Grumbach, Mr. T. Roehrs.

For Immigrants Mission Board: Rev. F. E. Jensen, Rev. W. M. Rehrig, Mr. S. E. Long, Mr. H. E. Young, Rev. J. C. Mattes, Rev. A. J. Traver, Mr. G. M. Jones, Mr. G. B. Reimensnyder.

For West Indies Mission Board: Rev. F. H. Bosch, Rev. F. B. Hankey, Rev. H. W. A. Hanson, Rev. J. H. Meyer, Mr. J. H. Brandt, Mr. C. W. Fuhr, Mr. H. F. Heuer, Rev. J. L. Morgan, Rev. F. E. Oberlander, Rev. J. B. Rupley, Rev. L. P. Young, Mr. W. L. Glatfelter, Mr. A. D. Smith, Mr. F. H. Wefer.

For Jewish Mission Committee: Rev. A. C. Carty, Rev. J. F. Heckert, Rev. L. H. Larimer, Mr. C. J. Fite, Mr. H. F. Heuer, Rev. G. N. Lauffer, Rev. S. J. McDowell, Rev. R. W. Woods, Hon. B. B. Miller, Hon. E. M. Rabenold.

For Board of Education: Rev. R. D. Clare, Rev. W. F. Hoppe, Rev. E. P. Pfatteicher, Rev. A. Steimle, Dr. A. S. Downing, Mr. G. M. Cummings, Mr. W. H. Stackel, Rev. G. Engler, Rev. P. J. Hoh, Rev. J. A. Huffard, Rev. G. W. Nicely, Mr. J. L. Clark, Hon. G. B. Cromer, Mr. W. W. Doub.

For Inner Mission Board: Rev. E. F. Bachmann, Rev. W. H. B. Carney, Rev. W. Krumwiede, Mr. James Carr, Mr. G. B. Morehead, Rev. F. K.

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Fretz, Rev. A. Hering, Rev. P. E. Scherer, Mr. W. P. M. Braun, Mr. W. K. Mauney.

For Board of Publication: Rev. C. F. Steck, Rev. F. P. Manhart, Rev. N. R. Melhorn, Mr. G. D. Boschen, Mr. D. F. Efird, Mr. E. F. Eilert, Mr. G. E. Schlegelmilch, Rev. J. W. Horine, Rev. S. Snyder, Rev. P. Z. Strodach, Mr. J. A. Alexander, Mr. A. D. Chiquoine, Mr. G. T. Ettinger, Mr. P. J. Kuhn.

For Board of Ministerial Pensions and Relief: Rev. C. L. Miller, Rev. R. H. Stover, Rev. M. H. Valentine, Mr. G. P. Tustin, Mr. J. H. Wattles, Rev. M. S. Cressman, Rev. C. Brown Cox, Rev. Samuel Trexler, Mr. M. H. Buehler, Mr. T. Hetzler.

For Parish and Church School Board: Rev. T. B. Birch, Rev. C. F. Dapp, Rev. W. L. Hunton, Prof. G. P. Voigt, Rev. F. R. Knubel, Rev. H. Moehling, Jr., Rev. A. T. W. Steinhaeuser, Mr. H. Benner.

For Board of Deaconess Work: Rev. E. F. Bachmann, Rev. J. F. Crigler, Rev. J. F. Ohl, Mr. F. C. Hassold, Hon. J. D. Cappelmann, Rev. A. E. Bell, Rev. H. F. Miller, Rev. H. J. Musselman, Mr. P. A. Elsesser.

For National Lutheran Home for the Aged: Rev. H. Anstadt, Rev. J. E. Harms, Rev. J. L. Frantz, Rev. J. T. Huddle, Rev. F. R. Wagner, Rev. R. Schmidt, Rev. J. Weidley, Mr. L. R. Alden, Dr. W. K. Butler, Mr. H. T. Domer, Mr. F. E. Cunningham, Mr. W. H. Finckel, Mr. J. H. Jones, Mr. F. W. Kakel, Mr. H. L. Snyder, Rev. J. C. Bowers, Rev. W. E. Brown, Rev. G. M. Diffenderfer, Rev. W. J. Finck, Rev. H. Manken, Jr.; Rev. W. G. Minnick, Rev. W. C. Waltemeyer, Hon. B. Capps, Mr. J. L. Fray, Mr. C. Keller, Mr. H. Pugh, Mr. F. Stuessy, Mr. J. Umlauf, Mr. A. H. Weaver, Mr. E. W. Young.

The report of the Nominating Committee was accepted.

Secretary, Dr. Wolf, presented at this time resolution (VII) submitted by the Foreign Mission Board. The resolution was adopted.

Dr. Wolf introduced Prof. R. B. Manikyam, of the Tamil Lutheran Church in India, spending a year in America in further preparation for his work as teacher in the Andhra College, and Mr. Joel Lakra, of the Gossner Church, who is taking a theological course at the Chicago Theological Seminary. These gentlemen were heard by the Convention with manifest interest. Remaining resolutions submitted by the Board of Foreign Missions were then taken up.

On motion to adopt the third resolution (III) Secretary, Dr.

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Drach, was heard in support of the motion. The resolution was then adopted.

Resolutions (IV), (V) and (VI) were adopted.

The Secretary read the following cablegram: "Greetings. Christ's work in Japan needs emphasis. Japan Mission."

At this point the Revs. C. E. Norman, Missionary to Japan on furlough, and J. D. Curran, Missionary in Liberia, Africa, on furlough, were heard.

The Rev. L. L. Uhl, Ph.D., D.D., of Cambridge, Mass., was introduced as a veteran who had served in the India mission field for a period of fifty years. Mr. K. Hirai, student at Mount Airy Seminary, was also introduced to the Convention.

Upon motion the report was adopted as a whole.

The Rev. J. Elmer Bittle presented the report of the Immigrants Mission Board:

REPORT OF IMMIGRANTS MISSION BOARD

The Immigrants Mission Board presents with grateful hearts the record of its labors during the biennium just ending. With a field covering the United States and Canada and a constituency of many nationalities and tongues some work that pressed for immediate attention had to be put off for some future time. The Board gave serious consideration to all problems as they were presented.

The Board deplores that with the utmost economy the treasury shows a deficit. Besides this some work that should have been done had to be postponed. The survey of the Asiatics on the Pacific Coast could not be undertaken as planned because of the lack of means. The work of the Port Entry Pastor at New York City had again to be postponed although fully planned and prepared for. Candidates seeking the office of the holy ministry to labor among their own nationality had to be refused assistance. Help to missions sadly needed and urgently asked for had to be declined because of an empty treasury.

The Board records with grateful recognition the liberal assistance of the Women's Missionary Society which made it possible to undertake so much. Further mention should be made of the help rendered by neighboring pastors and congregations to some of our work. The Board is anxious to interest a larger number to encourage the work with word and gift.

In its extensive and varied field the Board administers its work under

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three departments with a superintendent over each. The story of achievements, with an inspection of needs and an outlook of prospect, follows.

I. SLAV-HUNGARIAN—A. L. RAMER, PH.D., SUPERINTENDENT

In presenting the report of our Immigrants Mission Board we are conscious of the fact that the substance of our report deals with a specialized form of mission work, and that the general principles of mission operation do not always apply to our constituency. We are dealing with a class of people whose church experience and antecedent environment before their arrival in America were quite different from that of the purely American people. Were it not for the fact of the frequent errors in judgment and valuation of methods, that must of necessity be pursued, it would be superfluous to refer to this condition. In general association with American people, there is a marked contrast between the native and immigrant population, but this difference is far more pronounced, for example, in the sphere of the family circle and church affiliation. Many a prominent project miscarried in mission enterprise, because this distinction was underestimated.

When the Lutheran Church entered upon this sphere of mission activity in 1904, it embarked on a new venture. A plan of operation and adequate policy for dealing with this field of mission work had to be evolved. It is no vain presumption to express the hope that the situation is well understood by the Board and that the perplexing problems are handled as efficiently as the circumstances permit. In the course of development of the mission field, racial consciousness is manifested sometimes not in harmony with our conception, but charitable consideration usually finds a solution of the difficulty.

The field is constantly growing. Frequently new communities are found who look to us for administration. The Macedonian cry goes up in our day "Come and help us, we are spiritually perishing." Many of the immigrants have learned by sad experience, in spite of the alluring conditions of living in America, that "Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Our immigrants are scattered over the entire area of the United States. Those in the eastern portion of the country are more readily reached to receive services, while those in the far west are seldom visited. The superintendent makes strenuous efforts to extend his itinerary clear across the country and for the twelve years has succeeded in visiting once a year those on the Pacific Coast. The immigrants are not yet permanently established in their abode, but are influenced by industrial conditions and frequently move about. This presents a serious problem to follow up members. There is also a growing tendency to leave the mines and industrial centers and engage in agricultural pursuits. In this manner many families will be lost to the Church unless special attention is given to follow up these immigrants.

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A growing demand is made for local pastors. Years ago when mission operations were first begun, the people felt satisfied with an occasional service. As an immigrant colony becomes more thoroughly established, families securing their own homes, and men engaging in definite spheres of industry, there arises a desire to have a pastor and a church home. The occasional itinerant mission service at long intervals does no longer meet the needs of the community. This condition has forced the necessity of preparing a capable ministry for the immigrants, who should serve as pastors. Under the circumstances the academic training had to be of a shorter course than was desirable in order to meet the urgent need for pastors. We are doing our utmost to prepare men for the ministry for all the different nationalities who look to us for assistance. This is a problem! Sometimes young men present themselves for a course of training who have excellent qualifications, but are weak in knowledge of English. Special instruction is needed in such cases to meet the requirements. On the other hand, young men present themselves who were born in America and passed through the public schools of the land. In their case special instruction is needed in their own mother tongue to qualify these as acceptable pastors. The Board engages an instructor who meets especially the Slovak students and supervises their training along the line of linguistic preparation. Such a special training is absolutely necessary for our class of students. It should be observed, however, that this instruction takes into view the work of the students as supply pastors during the summer vacation, and that great attention is devoted to prepare the students to render efficient service in this sphere. The Board had seventeen beneficiary students during the past year. Many of the students render services in vacant congregations throughout the year. During the summer months ten students were in charge of congregations.

A gratifying evidence of the permanent development of our work among the immigrants is the fact that they are endeavoring to secure their own houses of worship. Until a foreign congregation is conscious that it has its own place of worship, the work languishes. While the more earnest souls will attend the services conducted in other churches, a large number are indifferent to contribute support to the mission congregation and its pastor. It is indeed laudable to observe the liberality of the people when once the project of church building is launched. It may be of interest to mention some of the progress that has been made during the past biennium. The Slovak congregation in Philadelphia remodeled its church edifice. The Slovak congregations in Detroit, Muskegon Heights, Mich., Grassflat, Pa., and Port Clinton, Ohio, erected new churches. The Slovak congregation in East Pittsburgh recently laid the cornerstone of a new church edifice. The Hungarian congregation in Buffalo, N. Y., and the Slovak congregation at Northampton, Pa., have built new parsonages. The congregations at Mahanoy City and Freeland, Pa., have installed large

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pipe organs. The Slovak congregation in Youngstown, Ohio, placed a bell on its church. The Sts. Peter and Paul Slovak congregation in Chicago made a number of extensive improvements in its church property. The Hungarian congregation in Perth Amboy has secured church lots and building operations will soon begin. There is a great need for assistance to congregations engaged in these building operations in the form of church extension loans. In many congregations the building operations are delayed for a long time and thus the development of the congregation retarded for lack of funds to finance the project.

Notable progress has been made during the biennium in establishing parishes with resident pastors. We may mention the new work among the Assyrians in the city of Philadelphia with Rev. Yaure Abraham as pastor. Many of the Assyrians were refugees and together with their pastor, Rev. Yaure Abraham, have located in Philadelphia. Mission work has been begun in Chicago among the Lithuanians. A new Hungarian-Windish parish was organized in Perth Amboy and Newark, N. J., with Rev. Stephen Smodis as pastor. The Slovak Mission field in Garfield, N. J., has called its first pastor. A new Slovak English congregation was organized in Minneapolis, Minn., with Rev. Paul Chropuvka pastor. The Slovak congregation in Akron, Ohio, has united with a newly organized Hungarian congregation and both are served by Rev. John Ormai. The Hungarian-English congregations in Martin's Ferry, Ohio, have recently become self-sustaining. New Slovak mission congregations have been added to the superintendent's itinerary at Lynch, Ky., Triadelphia, W. Va., and Perth Amboy, N. J. The city of New York, where thousands of immigrants of all nationalities are located, has been sorely neglected. Efforts have been made on several occasions to engage in work, but for unavoidable reasons failure was the result. Recently the Immigrants Mission Board in conjunction with the New York and New England Synod called the Rev. L. Sanjek to this promising field. The work undoubtedly will assume partly the character of Inner Mission work in visiting the numerous eleemosynary institutions. Rev. Sanjek is well qualified for this position, speaking all the Slavic dialects including those that use the Cyrillic alphabet. The Board has also succeeded in entering upon the sphere of social work by having a young Slovak lady taking the full course for deaconess to engage in parish work in the large Slovak centers. This department of the Board's activity has been delayed for lack of suitable personnel, but since the beginning has been made, it is hoped that more young women will offer their services. Through the assistance of the Board the Sunrays have been translated into the Slovak language and published. This is a valuable contribution to the meager Sunday school literature now extant in foreign languages.

The question has been asked how the restricted immigration would affect our mission work. Undoubtedly with the very small quota assigned to

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all our racial groups there will be a standstill as far as new arrivals are concerned. But this does not indicate that our sphere of activity is crippled. There is abundant work still to be done with the nationalities who are here now. It would be a mistake to presume that, with the limited number of arrivals, our task were finished. There is much territory unoccupied, and more intensive work is needed to gather in the various racial groups still without regular spiritual ministration.

The question of Americanization is stressed on all occasions. Our pastors are all conscious of the great advantage it is, that their constituency should be thoroughly in sympathy with American institutions and strive for the goal of American citizenship. Every effort is put forth to make all our immigrants a loyal law-abiding citizenry. We hold forth the apostolic vision: "Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God."

II. Italian Department. Rev. F. Scarpitti, Superintendent

It has been only a few years since the United Lutheran Church took up the work among the Italian people. There was an effort made many years ago, which resulted in the work of St. Peter's Italian Lutheran Church of Philadelphia, Pa., but in 1917, a greater effort was made to expand this work all over the counrty by the former Genèral Synod, but after the merger was effected this work passed into the hands of the Immigrants Mission Board which has conducted it with great results. But to do better work there are certain things which are needed.

1. *Lutheran Ministry*

In order to conduct this work efficiently, the first thing required is a Lutheran Ministry. By this is meant that young Italian men must pursue their studies in Lutheran educational institutions in order that they may form a Lutheran consciousness. Up to the present time we have been compelled to send our students to other denominational institutions in order that they may receive instruction in the Italian language; but in the next biennium, an Italian department with an Italian professor should be placed in one of our colleges. We are already corresponding with one of our Lutheran schools with the purpose of opening such a department in this school.

We must have an educated ministry, at least, one versed in their own language, and also a fairly good knowledge of the English language. What a miserable spectacle it is today to see in the pulpit men trying to preach to their people without a knowledge of their mother tongue, and it is pitiable to see Italian pastors unable to speak the English language.

A new call has come to the Church today, to work among the children of foreign parentage. The new generation is growing rapidly. They are attending public schools and high schools in our towns and cities. This

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new generation is out of the American congregations as well as the Italian churches. A means of approach must be found. The Immigrants Mission Board is trying a new method by which we may get to work among these people. We are employing an English-speaking girl in the city of Erie, in connection with the Italian Mission, under the supervision of the Italian pastor, aiming to bring this new generation, through the Italian and American efforts, into the Church of Christ. These girls must come from Lutheran institutions and must be consecrated with the love of the Church in their hearts. This kind of ministry of men and women can be made complete and efficient in a Lutheran institution. They must have the English as well as the Italian viewpoint.

2. *Church Buildings*

Another imperative need is church buildings. The great mistake made by the Protestant Church in the past has been to open Italian Missions in storerooms, which were in many instances filthy, inadequate and unsanitary. There we have placed our missionaries to preach the blessed Gospel of Jesus Christ, forgetting that these people are accustomed to worship in ancient and artistic cathedrals and churches. They come from a land where church architecture and beauty is unsurpassed in all the world. This is true of the cities as well as of the small towns in Italy.

In order that we may do efficient work in the United Lutheran Church we must build churches for these people. Other denominations are spending hundreds and thousands of dollars for church extension, and the United Lutheran Church must do its share in order to reap greater fruitage in this field of labor.

We were compelled to begin our work in English-speaking churches, but such arrangements have been very unsatisfactory, both on the part of the Americans as well as on the part of the Italians. At the present time we have only one church building for the exclusive use of the Italian people. Our other Italian churches and missions are worshiping in American churches. This does not permit the use of the church building every day in the week as it should be in the Italian Mission, for the conducting of religious, educational and vocational classes. Neither are they able to conduct their services during Lent, at Easter time nor the Christmas season when our efforts bring much fruitage. It is very imperative then that we provide church buildings for the Italian people.

3. *Co-operation*:

Another need which is manifesting itself now is the co-operation of Enlgish churches in towns where the population is small and does not justify the employment of an Italian pastor. There are quite a few Italians where an Italian Sunday school could be started if we could have the co-operation of the local English congregations. These congregations

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should provide Sunday school teachers and officers, workers for sewing school classes as well as teachers for Americanization classes. The Immigrants Mission Board, through the superintendent, could supply such centers with preaching services at intervals. We feel that our mission work should not only be centered in large cities but also in small communities, and this is the only feasible plan to work the small centers.

4. *Local Committees*:

The need which is most important to my mind is the organization of local committees wherever Italian missions are instituted. These committees are to be composed of representatives from all Lutheran churches. The aim of these committees should be to co-operate with the Superintendent of Italian work of such a mission. They should be responsible for the securing of volunteer helpers, and also raise funds for local needs. More than this, the representatives should be connecting links between the English congregation and the Italian Mission. Two such committees have already been organized—one in Erie, Pa., and one in Philadelphia, Pa., and both are functioning with great satisfaction.

Such arrangements are undoubtedly beneficial to the local Lutheran constituency, for that would give them a part in the work which the United Lutheran Church is performing in their community.

5. *Larger Appropriations*:

At the present time many applications are coming to us from Synods and churches, requesting us to open Italian Missions in their territories and communities. We would like to open these new Missions in the next biennium, if a larger appropriation is granted us by the United Lutheran Church.

6. *Its Future*:

A great field is before us. There are nearly five millions of Italians in this country. Of this number there are sixty per cent out of the Church, indifferent and uncared for. These people are waiting for the Bread of Life, tired of the old religious affiliations. They are looking toward the new dawn which will bring peace and understanding to their hearts and which will bring them more closely to God and the Cross of Jesus Christ. Thousands and thousands of Italians in large cities and small communities are waiting for our Church to go and preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ to them. It is the mission that Jesus Christ has entrusted to us: "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel." What will be our answer?

At present we have five Italian pastors, three organized churches and two missions that will be organized before the meeting of the United Lutheran Church to be held in Chicago, Ill., with a membership of over two hundred adults, one lady mission-worker and one student; and six

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Sunday schools with an enrollment of nearly five hundred children and thirty-five teachers. In connection with the Philadelphia Mission there is the Martin Luther Neighborhood House with a staff of three workers, not including the Italian pastor, who conducts the kindergarten work, Bible studies and Americanization classes.

The membership of these Italian Missions is growing steadily, presaging a great future of service in the Kingdom of our Lord. Men, women and children are coming to us to receive the light of Jesus Christ. Men who once upon a time lived wretched live, have been rehabilitated to noble purposes and good citizenship. Women who never set foot inside a church, who lived in indifference to all problems of life, today have been aroused through our efforts, to a better understanding of life. Men and women of high character and of good standing in the community are being added to our churches, to form a community of saints. If we could only print the stories of the various conversions which are happening daily in our churches, they would indicate again and again the great love of God for His children.

The work of an Italian Mission cannot be judged or measured by the extent of its few members, but should be judged by the light of the service which it renders in the community, for, after all, the missionary has adopted the entire Italian colony as his parish, and he performs a service of love among all.

One of the most important items to be reported to the United Lutheran Church is the first Italian Lutheran Missionary Conference which was held in Holy Trinity Italian Lutheran Church, Erie, Pa., July 16-18, 1924. By it has been written another glorious page of the history of the United Lutheran Church. I have never read in the history of our Church that there has ever been a Missionary Conference of Italian pastors; but we are making history, and when the Church has the outlook of faith and the vision to do the work of the Lord Jesus Christ throughout the world, that Church is bound to write history.

This Conference was opened on Wednesday evening, July 16th, with confession and communion service, with a sermon preached by the Rev. F. Scarpitti, Superintendent of the Italian Missions of the United Lutheran Church, and who was also the presiding officer of the Conference. His theme was "The Outlook of Faith and Its Promises," taking for his text Genesis 12:1, 2. It was a missionary sermon, setting forth the great work that lies before us in America. All the missionaries were present, a lady mission worker, a student, and wives of two of the ministers. There were also present the President of the Immigrants Mission Board, Rev. J. Elmer Bittle, D.D., of Pittsburgh, Pa., and the Secretary of the Board, Rev. George Gebert, D.D., of Tamaqua, Pa., Mr. Frank L. Fox, another member of the Board, and pastors from the Erie churches. Harmony, unanimity and loyalty marked the utterances of the conference.

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III. Finnish Department. Rev. V. Koivumaki, Superintendent

This department is conducted in co-operation with the Suomi Synod. This Synod numbers 51 ministers, 177 congregations, 18,440 confirmed members and a baptized membership of 33,161, and if the missions are considered, there are no less than 80,000 souls who come under the influence of the Gospel through its ministrations. When we contemplate that there are between four and five hundred thousand Finns in this country, it will be readily seen what a large task lies upon this little Synod of loyal Lutherans.

Rev. Koivumaki, the Superintendent, is doing a wonderful work and splendid progress marks his labors. The Synod maintains a College and Theological Seminary in Hancock, Michigan, in which there are in all departments 104 students. The Board assisted in supporting 7 students in 1922-1923, and 5 students in 1923-1924. The Board assists in supporting 5 missionaries: Rev. Herman Matero, Newfield, N. Y., Rev. Bruno Vuormos, Sandwich, Mass., Rev. J. Isaac, Brantwood, Wis., Rev. K. V. Mykkanen, Lead, S. Dak., Rev. Niilo Korhonen, Fort Bragg, Calif. The Synod has vacancies in Butte, Mont., Reedley, Calif., Seattle, Wash., and Copper Cliff, Ont. New openings in the making: Alberta, Sask., Chicago, Ill., and the States of Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Minnesota, North Dakota and Idaho. These fields are ripe for work with a promising harvest. It will be unnecessary to multiply words to show the vastness of the work done, work doing and work waiting to be done.

In this rapid survey the Immigrants Mission Board presents its report and prays for the serious consideration of its contents.

J. Elmer Bittle, *President*,
George Gebert, *Secretary*.

IMMIGRANTS MISSION BOARD TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance Sheet, July 31st, 1923

Assets:			
Cash in Bank		$1,120.23	
United States Third Liberty Loan 4¼'s		100.00	
Loan to St. Matthew's Slovak Lutheran Congregation, Mt. Carmel, Pa.		500.00	
Option on Property at Erie, Pa.		1.00	
			$1,721.23
Liabilities:			
Loans Payable:			
Bethlehem Trust Co.	$1,000.00		
H. E. Young, Treasurer	500.00		
		$1,500.00	
Funds:			
Church Extension Fund		829.71	
General Fund		608.48	
			$1,721.23

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RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

For the Year Ending July 31st, 1923

RECEIPTS:

		General Fund	Church Extension Fund
United Lutheran Church on Apportionment		$24,904.00	
United Lutheran Church General and Branch Synods		97.13	
United Lutheran Church, Women's Missionary Society		6,001.00	
Pittsburgh Synod for expenses of Student Del'Osso		200.00	
Suomi Synod, One-half Finnish Missionaries' Salaries and Traveling Expenses		2,372.16	
Miscellaneous Contributions for Students' Expenses		196.31	
Missionaries' Collections		1,246.55	
Donations		143.75	
Sale of Slovak "Sunrays"		508.50	
Interest on Bank Deposits		6.19	$6.62
Interest on investments			4.25
Certificate of Deposit, redeemed		2,400.00	
Loans:			
Bethlehem Trust Co.	$1,000.00		
H. E. Young	500.00		
		1,500.00	
		$39,575.59	$10.87

DISBURSEMENTS:

Superintendents' and Missionaries' Salaries and Allowances	$20,893.22	
Superintendents' and Missionaries' General Expenses	4,217.22	
Missionaries' Moving Expenses	213.14	
Education of Students	10,811.51	
Expenses of Board Members	703.90	
Secretary's Office and Traveling Expenses	253.48	
Treasurer's Salary	75.00	
Treasurer's Office and Traveling Expenses	31.84	
Salary of Music Director, Erie, Pa., Mission	360.00	
Salary of Janitor, Erie, Pa., Mission	200.00	
Expenses of Mission, Erie, Pa.	65.00	
Bibles, Text-Books, Literature, etc., for Missions	324.44	
Salaries of Teachers in Martin Luther Neighborhood House, Philadelphia, Pa.	212.50	
Slovak "Sunrays"	489.40	
Printing	157.25	
Auditing	125.00	
Apportionment, Home Mission Council	100.00	
Interest on Loans	44.78	
Miscellaneous	16.80	
	$39,294.48	
Excess of Receipts	$281.11	$10.87

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RECONCILEMENT OF CASH

For the Year Ending July 31st, 1923

Balance, August 1st, 1922	$828.25
Add, Receipts as above	39,586.46
	$40,414.71
Deduct, Disbursements as above	39,294.48
Balance, July 31, 1923	$1,120.23

RECONCILEMENT OF GENERAL FUND

For the Year Ending July 31st, 1923

Balance, August 1st, 1922			$3,010.41
Add, Receipts as per Statement annexed		$39,575.59	
Less, Certificates of Deposits Redeemed	$2,400.00		
Loan from Bethlehem Trust Co.	1,000.00		
Loan from H. E. Young, Treas.	500.00		
		3,900.00	
			$35,675.59
			$38,686.00
Deduct, Disbursements as Statement annexed			39,294.48
Deficit, July 31st, 1923			$608.48

Respectfully submitted,
H. E. YOUNG, *Treasurer.*

PHILADELPHIA, 28th November, 1923.

We have audited the accounts of the Board of Immigrants' Missions of the United Lutheran Church in America for the year ended 31st July, 1923, and we certify that the foregoing report of the Treasurer is in accordance with the books of account and is correct.

LYBRAND, ROSS BROS. & MONTGOMERY,
Accountants and Auditors.

Balance Sheet, July 31, 1924

ASSETS:

Cash in Bank	$2,471.86	
United States Third Liberty Loans 4¼'s	100.00	
Option on Property at Erie, Pa.	1.00	
		$2,572.86

LIABILITIES:

Loans Payable:		
Bethlehem Trust Co.	$2,000.00	
H. E. Young, Treasurer	900.00	
	$2,900.00	
Funds:		
Church Extension Fund	837.12	
General Fund	1,164.26	
		$2,572.86

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RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

For the Year ended July 31, 1924

		General Fund	Church Extension Fund
RECEIPTS:			
United Lutheran Church on Apportionments		$30,456.40	
United Lutheran Church, Branch Synods		1,149.43	
United Luther Church, Women's Missionary Society		5,000.00	
Suomi Synod, One-half Finnish Salaries and Traveling Expenses		2,771.12	
Missionaries' Collections		1,592.85	
Donations		828.64	
Martin Luther Neighborhood House:			
Profit on Cards	$1,262.75		
Contributions	565.00		
		1,827.75	
Missionary Students' Traveling Expenses refunded by Congregations		135.00	
Interest on Bank Deposits			$7.41
Repayment of Loan made August 3, 1920			500.00
Transfer of Funds		700.00	700.00
Loans:			
Bethlehem Trust Co.	$5,000.00		
H. E. Young	900.00		
		5,900.00	
		$50,361.19	$192.59
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Superintendents' and Missionaries' Salaries and Allowances		$29,002.37	
Superintendents' and Missionaries' General Expenses		3,300.59	
Education of Students		6,981.03	
Expenses of Board Members		1,263.16	
Secretary's Salary and Office Expenses		67.73	
Treasurer's Salary and Office Expenses		87.05	
Expenses of Mission, Erie, Pa.		270.00	
Expenses of Mission, Dunkirk, N. Y.		60.00	
Expenses of Mission, New York City		70.00	
Martin Luther Neighborhood House:			
Salaries	$2,220.00		
Expenses	202.28		
Interest on Mortgage	153.90		
		2,576.18	
Printing		231.06	
Auditing		125.00	
Apportionment, Home Missions Council		100.00	
Interest on Loans		182.80	
Loans Liquidated:			
Bethlehem Trust Co.	$4,000.00		
H. E. Young	500.00		
		4,500.00	
		$48,816.97	
Excess or Deficit of Receipts		$1,544.22	$192.59

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RECONCILEMENT OF CASH

For Year ended July 31, 1924

Balance, August 1, 1923	$1,120.23
Add, Receipts, as above	50,168.60
	$51,288.83
Deduct, Disbursements, as above	48,816.97
Balance, July 31, 1924	$2,471.86

RECONCILEMENT OF GENERAL FUND

For the Year ended July 31, 1924

Deficit, August 1, 1923			$608.48
Add, Receipts as per statement annexed		$50,361.19	
Less, Transfer from General Fund	$700.00		
Loans	5,900.00		
		6,600.00	
		$43,761.19	
Deduct, Disbursements as per statement annexed	$48,816.97		
Less, Notes Liquidated	4,500.00		
		$44,316.97	$555.78
Deficit, July 31, 1924			$1,164.26

Respectfully submitted,
H. E. YOUNG, *Treasurer.*

PHILADELPHIA, September 10, 1924.

We have audited the accounts of the Board of Immigrants Missions of the United Lutheran Church in America for the year ended July 31, 1924, and we certify that, in our opinion, the foregoing Balance Sheet, Receipts and Disbursements, etc., are in accordance with the books of account and are correct.

LYBRAND, ROSS BROS. & MONTGOMERY,
Accountants and Auditors.

In connection with the consideration of this report, the Rev. A. L. Ramer presented the work of the Slav-Hungarian Department; the Rev. V. Koivumaki that of the Finnish Department; and Dr. Bittle spoke briefly of the work of the Italian Department. The report was thereupon adopted.

The report of the Jewish Mission Committee was presented by the Rev. F. O. Evers.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JEWISH MISSIONS

The two years elapsed since the last convention of the United Lutheran Church have helped to establish the cause of Jewish Missions more firmly in the hearts and minds of the pastors and members of the Church. Gradually, but surely, this great task of Christendom is winning the recognition it deserves and the interest and intercession it needs. This is not due to the great results and outstanding accomplishments. There is no work within the Christian Church which is so completely a work of faith, toiling and trusting as the work of Jewish Missions.

The awakening of the Church's interest rather indicates a fuller acceptance of our obligations as laid upon us by our Lord, the Messiah of Israel, and a clearer vision of the opportunities of evangelizing an entire race in our very midst which is still without the knowledge of the Christ and His redemption. Your Committee heretofore has patiently waited and prayed for this day to come. Unlimited strength is bound to be unfolded as soon as the Christians in our congregations throughout the land will take hold of this work and whole-heartedly, obediently and enthusiastically enter the active missionary forces of Jewish Missions. It would be ridiculous to think that the task of bringing the Gospel to a people, numbering between three and four millions and spread over the entire territory of our Church, could be attempted with any hope of even an impressive showing by four scattered mission stations, or for that matter, by tenfold that number. The cause of Jewish Missions will only then become the task of the Church, when every congregation will accept its field as Jewish Mission territory and with prayer and aggressiveness lay plans and make attempts to win their Jewish neighbors for Christ. The counsel and assistance of our experienced missionary force is at the disposal of any congregation courageous enough to enter upon this task.

Perhaps the special plight in which your Committee found itself immediately after the Buffalo Convention and the urgent appeal for a larger support carried through the congregations by Pastor Paul I. Morentz, as general representative of this work during the year 1923, is largely responsible for this awakening of a large host of friends. The indebtedness of the Committee has been greatly reduced through these efforts. The Committee was enabled to carry on its work with an increased number of missionaries and mission stations without curtailment of any branch of its activities. The friends in need proved friends indeed, and to them we wish to acknowledge our debt of gratitude publicly on this occasion.

The missionary staff suffered an irreparable loss through the untimely death of our veteran worker, Pastor John Legum, of Pittsburgh, the pioneer of Jewish Missions of the United Lutheran Church. It was John Legum who founded our first mission station in Pittsburgh twenty years

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ago. He succeeded in convincing and converting the Lutherans on that territory. Out of this acorn the oak has grown. Without funds, but with an unshakable faith, with every thinkable personal sacrifice, with untiring devotion, with holy zeal for Christ's reign over Israel, and with a profound understanding of his own people and a burning love for their salvation, he laid down his life for his brethren in the flesh. His wholly original personality, his keen insight into Jewish psychology, his invaluable counsel and his shining example are sorely missed by the Committee. To the list of her pioneers in missionary enterprise from Muhlenberg to Heyer and to Passavant the Lutheran Church must gratefully add the name of her first Jewish Missionary, John Legum.

There are at present four mission stations through which the work of your Committee is being carried on. Christ's Mission to the Jews at Pittsburgh, in charge of Rev. S. Paul Lapidos; Messiah Hebrew Lutheran Mission at Philadelphia, in charge of Rev. Paul I. Morentz; Salem Hebrew Lutheran Mission at Baltimore, in charge of Rev. Henry Einspruch; Emmanuel Lutheran Mission at Toledo, in charge of Rev. Isadore Schwartz. The character of the work is as uniform as local conditions permit. Every mission is kept open at regular stated hours every day for visits of inquirers; regular Bible Study classes are maintained, missionary meetings and services are held at regular hours. Every mission has a visiting list of interested Jews, whose homes are visited by the missionary. In Baltimore and Toledo there are weekly outdoor meetings during the summer season at which thousands of Jews are brought within the hearing of the Gospel. The Lutheran Churches of both cities are giving splendid support to this enterprise by sending their choirs to help in the singing, and often the local pastors mount the chair at the street corner and demonstrate by their words that our missionaries are doing their work in the name of and with the whole-hearted support of the Christian Church of the community. Daily Vacation Bible Schools are a regular feature of the summer work at Philadelphia and Toledo. The Philadelphia Mission up to this time is the only station where systematic work among the children in daily classes and a Sunday school is being done, thanks to the special support granted for this work by the Women's Missionary Society. In Mrs. Agnes Herter, a well-trained and experienced worker has been found for this particularly difficult field. Forceful tracts are being distributed by the missionaries on an average of one hundred a week. Old Testaments and New Testaments, both in their native tongue and in English are given to every one who shows a desire to read them. A multitude has thus been reached, hundreds have been deeply and lastingly impressed, and four have, during this past biennium, come to the final decision and accepted Jesus as their Saviour publicly in Holy Baptism. These men and the many who are near the truth, but cannot for obvious reasons take the last decisive steps, and all who are earnestly seeking the truth under the guidance of the Holy

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Spirit through our missionary pastors, we lay upon the praying hearts of the Church. May the Great Shepherd of Israel, who has not cast away His people, hasten the day when the veil shall be lifted from their eyes and all Israel shall be saved.

The work of every mission station is being supervised by a local committee of pastors and laymen. All the stations are increasing the number of their local friends. The large constituency of the Philadelphia Luthera Association for Jewish Missions after the consolidation of the directorate of this body with the Philadelphia Committee has loyally continued its support of the Philadelphia station. The Lutheran Churches of Baltimore, of Pittsburgh and Toledo are chiefly responsible for the healthy growth of the work in their cities. The Maryland Synod has assigned the eighteenth Sunday after Trinity as Jewish Mission Sunday. The Pittsburgh Synod is appealing for the Easter offerings of the Sunday schools in behalf of the Pittsburgh work. Standing Committees of the Pittsburgh Synod and the Pennsylvania Ministerium are co-operating with the local committees on their territory in the building up of strong local support around their mission stations.

Greater attention must be given in the future to the important work of literature. We must be enabled to publish our own tracts. The proposed handbook on Jewish missions will be of great help to every one interested in the salvation of the Jewish people. A regular missionary publication to be used in the intercourse with inquiring Jews should be issued. Lack of funds has prevented the realization of these hopes heretofore. The *Hebrew-Lutheran* has been made a medium of information for the Christian friends of the work. The Committee has officially taken over this quarterly which was formerly published as a private enterprise of the missionaries.

The Committee had to refrain from carrying out its plan of two years ago of entering the city of New York with its fifth and most important mission station. After the death of Pastor Legum, the number of our ordained missionary pastors is only sufficient for the four stations now in existence. Appeals coming from other cities with large Jewish populations and an eager flock of Lutherans to support such a work in their community had to remain unanswered for the same reason. The field truly is white for the harvest. Pray the Lord that He may give us the men to send into His fields!

Two events of outstanding importance in the development of Jewish Missions must yet be recorded. On Whitsunday, 1923, the William P. M. Braun Memorial Chapel in the building of the Philadelphia Mission was solemnly dedicated. The regular Sunday services can now be held among appropriate surroundings. Such a sanctuary within a mission building contributes in a remarkable degree to the creation of a spiritual atmosphere and proves of incalculable value. In the fall of 1923, Miss Margaret

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Mehring, of Bruceville, Md., created a memorial of her deceased brother, Frederick Mehring, by a gift of $20,000 for the purpose of Christian Mission work among the Jews of Baltimore and elsewhere. This fund is to be used for the acquisition of a permanent mission home at Baltimore, and it may be reported in this connection, that the Baltimore Committee has recently purchased a very suitable property. The Baltimore Committee is to consider this fund as a loan to be used without interest until such time that the Committee can repay the same partly or in full. The repayment must be made to the Jewish Mission Committee of the United Lutheran Church, which, keeping the principal intact, shall use the same in the purchase of permanent mission homes at other stations under the same conditions. Thus by this generous gift the work of Jewish Missions throughout its extent will be strengthened and helped.

These two gifts are the first large contributions coming to our cause. Both are of a constructive character adding possibilities which otherwise would have been unobtainable to our workers. We are confident that they are but the forerunners of even greater things.

In conclusion, your Committee wishes to emphasize its appreciation of the services rendered by the kindest of treasurers, Mr. Charles J. Fite, and also to speak with sincere commendation of the faithful labors of our missionaries. May God imbue them with continued wisdom and strength and bless their work that they may bring much fruit and that their fruit may abide.

Respectfully submitted,

F. O. Evers, *President,*
A. C. Carty, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE COMMITTEE ON JEWISH MISSIONS

for the year ended 31st July, 1923

Balance in bank, 1st August, 1922.....		$988.45
RECEIPTS		
Treasurer, United Lutheran Church:		
Apportionment, year ended July 31, 1923	$6,798.00	
Advance on Apportionment, year ended July 31, 1924.....	2,000.00	
United, General & Branch Synods..	672.97	
Women's Missionary Society.....	1,155.00	
Church of the Reformation, Milwaukee, for Student Support...	150.00	
		$10,775.97
Loans		1,500.00

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Donations, etc.:			
Rev. Paul I. Morentz, Collections..	1,167.80		
Sunday Schools, Luther Leagues, Churches, etc.	179.00		
Ministeriums and Synods.....	943.90	2,290.70	
Interest on bank balance.....		8.06	
			$14,574.73
			$15,563.18

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries of Missionaries, Helpers, etc....			$10,096.00
General Expenses of Missions:			
Rent	$1,020.00		
Janitors	50.00		
Interest on Mortgages on Philadelphia Mission	360.00		
Gas and Electricity	11.99		
Telephone	18.05		
Furniture, Janitors' Supplies, etc....	112.45		
Moving Expenses, Rev. Isadore Schwartz	211.50	1,783.99	
Educational and Charitable:			
Expenses of Missions: Charity.....	93.00		
Literature ..	91.54		
Student Aid.	73.35	257.89	
Unexpended Balance, contribution for student support refunded.....		76.65	
Loans Repaid		600.00	
Administrative and Traveling Expenses.		952.63	
Mimeographing		38.15	
Stationery and Postage		10.60	
Auditing		50.00	
Philadelphia Chapel Fund.....		40.00	
Miscellaneous Work		10.00	
Interest on Loans.....		230.56	
		$14,146.47	
Balance July 31, 1923.....		1,416.71	
			$15,563.18

LIABILITIES

Notes Payable to Bank.....	$3,900.00
United Lutheran Church, Advance on Apportionment	2,000.00

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Special Building Fund — Pittsburgh Mission	109.00
Special Fund for work in New York City	5.00
	$6,014.00
Less Cash in Bank	1,416.71
General Fund Deficit	$4,597.29

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES J. FITE, *Treasurer.*

for the year ended 31st July, 1924

Balance in bank, 1st August, 1923 ..... $1,416.71

RECEIPTS

Treasurer, United Lutheran Church:			
Apportionment, Year ended July 31, 1924	$9,535.80		
Synods	1,675.01		
Women's Missionary Society	1,380.25		
For Mission in Toledo	24.00		
Father Heyer Mis. Soc., Mt. Airy, Phila., Pa.	25.00		
First Church, Mansfield, Ohio	100.00		
		$12,740.06	
Donations, etc.:			
Rev. Paul I. Morentz, Collections	3,166.42		
Donations	21.00		
Rent from Pittsburgh Mission	125.00		
Ministeriums and Synods	1,190.82		
		4,503.24	
Interest on bank balance		9.62	
			$17,252.92
			$18,669.63

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries of Missionaries, Helpers, etc.			$9,892.85
General Expenses of Missions:			
Rent of Missions	1,135.00		
Rent allowance to Missionaries	349.86		
Interest on Mortgages on Philadelphia Mission	540.00		
Special donations for Missions	136.43		
Moving Expenses, Rev. Samuel P. Lapidos	150.00		
		2,311.29	

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Educational and Charitable:			
Expenses of Missions: Literature...	203.58		
Student Aid	25.00	228.58	
Loans Paid		3,900.00	
Administrative and Traveling Expenses.		799.10	
Mimeographing		49.00	
Expenses of General Representative....		400.57	
Auditing		50.00	
Interest on Loans		165.34	
		$17,796.73	
Balance July 31, 1924.....		872.90	
			$18,669.63

LIABILITIES

Notes Payable to Bank.....	$2,000.00	
Special Building Fund — Pittsburgh Mission	109.00	
Special Fund for work in New York City	5.00	
	$2,114.00	
Less Cash in Bank	872.90	
General Fund Deficit.....	$1,241.10	

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES J. FITE, *Treasurer.*

The following reports were received from the Auditors after the Convention.—Secretary.

September 7th, 1923.

Mr. Charles J. Fite, Treasurer.

Dear Sir:

We have audited the accounts of your Committee for the year ended July 31, 1923, and submit the following report:

General Fund Deficit: During the year the general fund deficit increased $2,471.74, viz.:

Deficit, August 1, 1922		$2,125.55
Add:		
Advance from United Church on apportionment for the year ended July 31, 1924	2,000.00	
Increase in Notes Payable	900.00	
	$5,025.55	
Deduct, Excess of Cash Receipts	428.26	
Deficit, July 31, 1923		$4,597.29

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The details of the receipts and disbursements for the year are annexed.

Cash: We traced the cash received by the Treasurer, as shown by the cash book, into the bank deposits and compared the paid checks and invoices with the entries in the cash book.

The balance on deposit at the Diamond National Bank, Pittsburgh, as shown by the bank's statement was reconciled with the books and found to be correct.

Notes Payable: We confirmed with the Diamond National Bank of Pittsburgh, the notes payable which, at July 31, 1923, totaled $3,900.

Annexed we submit:

Balance Sheet of the General and Special Funds, July 31, 1923;
Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, and
Summary of Cash Account, for the year ended July 31, 1923.

Very truly yours,
LYBRAND ROSS BROS. & MONTGOMERY,

August 13, 1924.

Mr. Charles J. Fite, Treasurer.
Dear Sir:

We have audited the accounts of your Committee for the year ended July 31, 1924, and report thereon as follows:

General Fund Deficit: During the year the general fund deficit decreased $3,356.19, viz.:

Deficit, August 1, 1923		$4,597.29
Deduct:		
Repayment of advance received from United Church during the year ended July 31, 1923	$2,000.00	
Decrease in Notes Payable	1,900.00	
		3,900.00
		$697.29
Add, Excess of Cash Disbursements		543.81
Deficit, July 31, 1924		$1,241.10

The details of the receipts and disbursements for the year are annexed.

Cash: We traced the cash received, as recorded in the cash book, into bank, examined the paid checks and supporting invoices and compared the amounts with the entries in the cash book.

The balance on deposit at the Diamond National Bank, Pittsburgh, as shown by the bank's statement was reconciled with the books and found to be correct.

Notes Payable: We confirmed with the Diamond National Bank, Pittsburgh, the notes payable which, at July 31, 1924, totaled $2,000.

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Annexed we submit:

Balance Sheet of the General and Special Funds, July 31, 1924;
Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, and
Summary of Cash Account for the year ended July 31, 1924.

Very truly yours,
LYBRAND ROSS BROS. & MONTGOMERY,

The Revs. Paul I. Morentz, H. Einspruch and I. Schwartz, Missionaries under the jurisdiction of this Committee, addressed the Convention.

The report of the Jewish Mission Committee was adopted with the understanding that the Auditors' Certificate should be secured.

It was ruled that all reports which do not bear auditors' certificates, when adopted, are adopted with the proviso that such certificates be secured.

The closing prayer was offered by the Rev. J. B. Guiney. Convention adjourned at 5.00 P. M.

Evening Service

A service was held at eight o'clock P. M., the theme of which was "Religion in Education."

The Vespers were conducted by the Rev. E. P. Pfatteicher and the Rev. A. Steimle read the Scripture Lessons.

The Rev. A. J. Turkle presided and introduced the speakers.

Addresses were delivered as follows:

"The Civic Aspect"—The Hon. J. A. O. Preus, Governor of Minnesota.

"The Church Aspect"—Rev. J. A. W. Haas, D.D., LL.D., President of Muhlenberg College.

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FOURTH MEETING

Morning Session

CONVENTION HALL, EDGEWATER BEACH HOTEL,
Chicago, Ill.
Saturday, October 25, 8:45 A. M.

Matins were conducted by the Rev. R. Neumann.

The Convention was called to order by the President.

Minutes of the morning and afternoon sessions of Friday were read, corrected and approved.

Mr. G. Hemsing reported for the Committee of Tellers as follows:

In the election for

Board of Deaconess Work

Votes cast, 427; necessary to election, 214. The following received a majority:

Rev. E. F. Bachmann	Rev. J. F. Ohl
Rev. J. F. Crigler	Mr. J. D. Cappelmann

Mr. F. C. Hassold

The President declared the foregoing the duly elected members of the Board of Deaconess Work.

Board of Education

Votes cast, 424; necessary to election, 213. The following received a majority:

Rev. R. D. Clare	Rev. A. Steimle
Rev. W. F. Hoppe	Mr. G. M. Cummings
Rev. E. P. Pfatteicher	Mr. W. H. Stackel

Mr. J. L. Clark

The President declared the foregoing the duly elected members of the Board of Education.

Board of Foreign Missions

Votes cast, 430; necessary to election, 216. The following received a majority:

Rev. E. K. Bell	Rev. M. J. Epting
Rev. C. T. Benze	Rev. J. A. Singmaster
Rev. R. C. G. Bielinski	Mr. C. W. Foss

Mr. James M. Snyder

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The President declared the foregoing to be duly elected members of the Board of Foreign Missions.

Board of Home Missions and Church Extension

Votes cast, 421; necessary to election, 211. The following received a majority:

Rev. J. M. Francis	Rev. J. E. Whitteker
Rev. C. J. Smith	Mr. A. R. Bard
Rev. H. B. Stock	Mr. S. J. Derrick

Mr. J. L. Zimmerman

The President declared the foregoing to be duly elected members of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.

Immigrants' Mission Board

Votes cast, 407; necessary to election, 204. The following received a majority:

Rev. F. E. Jensen	Mr. S. E. Long
Rev. W. M. Rehrig	Mr. H. E. Young

The President declared the foregoing to be duly elected members of the Immigrants' Mission Board.

Inner Mission Board

Votes cast, 426; necessary to election, 214. The following received a majority:

Rev. E. F. Bachmann	Rev. W. Krumwiede
Rev. W. H. B. Carney	Mr. J. Gear

Mr. G. B. Morehead

The President declared the foregoing to be duly elected members of the Inner Mission Board.

Committee on Jewish Missions

Votes cast, 428; necessary to election, 215. The following received a majority:

Rev. A. C. Carty	Rev. L. H. Larimer
Rev. J. F. Heckert	Mr. C. J. Fite

Mr. H. F. Heuer

The President declared the foregoing to be duly elected members of the Committe on Jewish Missions.

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Board of Ministerial Pensions and Relief

Votes cast, 427; necessary to election, 214. The following received a majority:

Rev. C. L. Miller
Rev. R. H. Stover
Rev. M. H. Valentine
Mr. G. P. Tustin
Mr. J. H. Wattles

The President declared the foregoing to be duly elected members of the Board of Ministerial Pensions and Relief.

National Lutheran Home for the Aged

Votes cast, 418; necessary to election, 210. The following received a majority:

Rev. H. Anstadt
Rev. J. L. Frantz
Rev. J. E. Harms
Rev. J. T. Huddle
Rev. R. Schmidt
Rev. F. R. Wagner
Rev. J. Weidley
Mr. L. R. Alden
Mr. W. K. Butler
Mr. F. E. Cunningham
Mr. H. T. Domer
Mr. W. H. Finckel
Mr. J. H. Jones
Mr. F. W. Kakel
Mr. H. L. Snyder

The President declared the foregoing to be duly elected members of the Board for the National Lutheran Home for the Aged.

Board of Northwestern Missions

Votes cast, 427; necessary to election, 214. The following received a majority:

Rev. E. C. J. Kraeling
Rev. G. A. Benze
Rev. H. Rembe, Sr.
Rev. C. S. Roberts
Rev. H. D. E. Siebott
Mr. C. Hausmann
Mr. E. Muncke

The President declared the foregoing to be duly elected members of the Board of Northwestern Missions.

Parish and Church-School Board

Votes cast, 405; necessary to election, 203. The following received a majority:

Rev. T. B. Birch
Rev. C. F. Dapp
Rev. W. L. Hunton
Mr. G. P. Voigt

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The President declared the foregoing to be duly elected members of the Parish and Church-School Board.

West Indies Mission Board

Votes cast, 399; necessary to election, 200. The following received a majority:

Rev. F. H. Bosch	Rev. J. H. Meyer
Rev. B. F. Hankey	Mr. J. H. Brandt
Rev. H. W. A. Hanson	Mr. C. W. Fuhr
Mr. H. F. Heuer	

The President declared the foregoing to be duly elected members of the West Indies Mission Board.

Board of Publication

Votes cast, 415; necessary to election, 208. The following received a majority:

Rev. F. P. Manhart	Mr. G. D. Boschen
Rev. N. R. Melhorn	Mr. D. F. Efird
Rev. C. F. Steck	Mr. E. F. Eilert

The President declared the foregoing to be duly elected members of the Board of Publication and announced that one layman was still to be elected. The tellers were instructed to distribute ballots.

Moved and carried, That if there be no election on this ballot, in the next succeeding ballot the nominations be confined to those two receiving the highest number of votes.

Following the regular order the Rev. John F. Seibert, General Secretary of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, presented the report of that Board.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

FOREWORD

Home Missions is the response of the Church to the Saviour's command to Christianize the nation. It has always pioneerd. It strengthens the work of every agency. The size and influence of this Convention would have been impossible had there been no Home Mission interest in the United Lutheran Church and in groups that preceded it. Many of our strongest churches, fruitful in all denominational good works, were once Home Mission congregations. Entire synods are the result of Home Mission planting

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and most of them have been greatly strengthened by this blessed agency. Without Home Missions our United Lutheran Church would be a provincial organization, and a small one at that, along the Atlantic seaboard. The Board, therefore, submits this the third biennial report with a deep sense of gratitude for the substantial achievements it is privilege to record. It is not the complete record, for many results, some of them the most spiritual, cannot be tabulated. It is, however, sufficiently informing to indicate that the Board has earnestly striven to administer the work in accord with the spirit and purpose of the trust committed to it.

The Work of the Biennium

New Missions Received and Congregations Organized:

Sixty-two new missions have received regular budgeted appropriations. Thirty additional ones have been organized and are still served by Field Missionaries, Theological Students or other stated supplies. This marks a creditable advance over previous bienniums. Had the congregations actually organized been in one state and formed into a new synod they would have constituted a body of more parishes than sixteen of the thirty-six synods in the United Lutheran Church. The total appropriation for those placed on the budget was $54,885 for the first year. To preserve the unity of the report the names, with date of reception or of organization and location by synods are given in Appendix A.

Self-supporting:

It has been said that one of the most significant and satisfactory marks of progress and successful Home Mission work is the proportionately large number of churches that assume self-support in a reasonable time. Congregations usually begin their work in great weakness and it is a delight to missionaries, missions and Board alike to note their development into sufficient strength to assume entire support. Forty-nine missions were thus added to the self-sustaining list and arrangements were made to take care of several others without continued aid from the Board, thus releasing an appropriation of $20,148.00. In only three instances was further appropriation withheld because of unpromising conditions. The names, dates and synodical connection of missions assuming self-support are given in Appendix B.

Aid Granted to Secure Lots and Churches:

It is not the appropriation for maintenance alone that must be considered in founding a mission. Proper equipment must be provided and it is the exception for a mission to procure it unaided. The Board cautions against contractual obligations that will hopelessly involve a mission in debt and insists upon proper financing as a condition to aid, but it also recognizes the necessity of a choice location and of an attractive edifice. The biennium has witnessed remarkable activity in the purchase of lots and in

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building operations, the latter in part due to inability longer to wait for a drop in building cost. At the beginning of the biennium *13* unpaid loans totaling $55,100 were subject to call; *87* additional ones were promised, aggregating $367,341.59, a total liability of *100* loans, and $422,441.59. Of these *75* in whole or in part were called for and paid at a total of $282,-091.59. $140,000 was therefore subject to call at the close of the biennium, $50,000 of which is for missions of, and will be paid by, the Women's Missionary Society. Three loans were made to missions supported by the Northwestern Mission Board and another subject to call is to a mission supported by the Immigrants Board. Assistance, due to unusual conditions, was given to several additional congregations not under the care of the Board, to provide suitable churches at educational centers. Donations to assist in payment of interest and other small grants were made to *206* churches in a total of $130,148.67. An itemized list of churches aided by loan or donation is noted under Appendices *C* and *D*.

Evangelism:

It is proper to mention the Home Mission contribution to the growth of the Church. The ultimate object of planting churches is to win souls for Christ. Perennial evangelism has been stressed continuously by office and superintendents. Pastors of mission congregations meet every situation that makes kingdom building difficult anywhere. Probably more than others they feel the need of trained leadership, have inadequate equipment, must devote energy to financial matters, encounter prejudice or meet ignorance concerning their Church, yet, as a body they have been aggressive in conducting adult catechetical classes, organizing their people for community visitations and otherwise seeking to reach the unchurched. The result is inspiring. The average adult addition per congregation for the year for the self-supporting congregations in the synods functioning in Home Mission work through our Board according to the 1923 Minutes was 9.9 per cent.; for our mission congregations it was 17.5 per cent. With the Easter accessions as a criterion the record for the current year will be fully maintained. The statement of the Board of another denomination, substituting only our name, would seem to apply with equal force to us "The average Home Mission Church is the most consistently effective Evangelistic force the United Lutheran Church has."

Expansion:

The call to advance has come from every district. A few illustrations from some of the less familiar sections, in addition to the well-known appeal from the cities indicate the almost unlimited extent of the Home Mission field.

Alaska—This territory has been entered. Field Missionary Baisler has driven the first stakes at Juneau, a town of 5,000, with over half of the Protestant population Lutheran. Sixty have signed a petition for an

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English Lutheran congregation and call for a pastor. Other towns visited were found ready for Lutheran occupancy. The gateway was Prince Rupert, in far Northwestern British Columbia, where the Field Missionary has organized a substantial congregation.

Prairie Provinces of Canada—Here the Northwestern Board, through successful missionating in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, has developed the Manitoba Synod. In this vast territory of the richest farming lands and growing cities the Lutheran population has largely increased in the last census period. With only one English congregation, the call has come for a Field Missionary to occupy.

Texas—The Lone Star State is quite a distance, even by airplane, from Alaska and Northwestern Canada. The call for advance in English work here has come from our Texas Synod, itself largely German or bilingual. Nobody could be more ardent in its desire to see the many growing cities occupied. The successful planting at Houston and Dallas by Field Missionary Gillison with San Antonio, the next point of attack, indicates the wonderful possibilities of this great state.

Florida—This Mecca of winter tourists has been having remarkable growth in population. A large percentage of the immigration is from New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Ohio, Indiana and Michigan, where the United Lutheran Church is strong. This spells opportunity for us and calls for aggressive missionary endeavor.

North Carolina—Cotton mills by the score, a goodly number owned by Lutherans, are displacing those in New England. With new towns springing up and with congregations in less than one-third of the counties of the state, the call to plant the Church is sounded loud by the synod which has manifested its faith by its works in raising a large Home Mission Endowment Fund.

The Great Cities—The opportunities in the great centers of population were never more insistently challenging. The drift suburbanward has intensified. The most remarkable housing program of a generation calls for energetic Home Mission effort to minister to hosts that are so rapidly moving from the old church neighborhoods. Were the Church justified in limiting her missionary operations, every dollar of the Board's income could be expended and every available man used for the next biennium in metropolitan sections where the United Lutheran Church has reasonably strong representation.

In its endeavor to meet this responsibility for advance, the Board uses various agencies:

Pastors and professors on vacation, or ministers temporarily without a charge, have been available for a limited period and have rendered effective service making surveys or organizing congregations.

Seminary students, in increasing numbers, with profit to themselves and with advantage to the Board, spend their vacations in similar activity or in supplying pastorless missions. Thirty-two young men from nine seminaries were thus located in eighteen synods during the 1924 vacation.

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Field Missionaries regularly called, with territory defined, give their entire time to organizational work and to such other duties as may be assigned. In planting the Church in communities removed from the Theological Seminaries or other available source of supply, the Field Missionary is invaluable. He surveys the field, organizes the congregation, frequently guides in selection of lot, securing of funds and erection of chapel and remains in charge until a pastor can be located. This field staff now numbers twenty-one, an increase of eight during the biennium. The names and territory of the new men are:

Rev. E. B. Keisler, Georgia Synod, who will give special attention to Florida.
Rev. N. D. Yount, Western Section Synod of North Carolina, working at Asheville and Shelby.
Rev. G. C. Weidenhammer, Manitoba Synod with the first work at Prince Albert and Shellbrook.
Rev. E. P. Schuler, D.D., Southern Conference of the California Synod, which includes the State of Arizona.
Rev. H. C. Gans, Northern Conference of the California Synod.
Rev. F. E. Strobel, Toledo, Ohio.
Rev. W. D. Sharritt, Cleveland, Ohio.
Rev. C. S. Foust, Southern Conference, Synod of Ohio.

With one exception, the synods cooperate in whole or in part in providing for the support of these new men.

Cooperation:

The Board rejoices in the fine spirit of cooperation that has been manifested in carrying on our common task. It appreciates the contribution of every agency to the success of its work and is glad for any service it has been able to render. Under this heading we note the following:

Other United Lutheran Church Boards—The Board of Education, through its Department of Universities, has cooperated with our Board in twelve centers, in ten of which it has made an appropriation toward the salary of the missionary for services rendered in caring for Lutheran Students. Conference is had in regard to pastors proposed for such missions. The Inner Mission Board has been granted an annual appropriation of $2,500 for 1924 and 1925 to enable it to undertake Port of Entry work at New York—a type of missionating that annually will conserve hundreds of families to the Lutheran Church. The Northwestern and Immigrant Boards, as stated elsewhere, were assisted in their work by loan of $13,000 to three of their missions.

The Women's Missionary Society—This efficient organization has continued its cooperation in a substantial manner. The presence of Miss Flora Prince and Mrs. H. D. Hoover at the Board meetings as Advisory Members has been beneficial. Four missions supported by the Society have become self-sustaining, Pasadena and Riverside, California; Indianola, Columbus, Ohio, and North Austin, Chicago. The support of six others has been assumed, University, Seattle, Kelso, Wash., and Victoria, B. C., in the Pacific Synod, and Boulder, Colo., Casper and Laramie, Wyo., in the

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Rocky Mountain Synod. The support of the Parish Worker for the Watauga Mission is also provided. The total receipts for loan, interest, gifts and salary was $80,060.46. An increased budget for the new biennium, particularly for Church Extension, has been assumed.

Synodical Boards—The policy of the Board to function largely through Synodical Boards in its administration of the mission work is being better understood. The salary budgets and the requests for Church Extension aid must receive their recommendation. Synodical authority is recognized in the calling of pastors, recommendations, if any, being presented through the proper channel. As a result, there is an increased assumption of synodical responsibility and a growing feeling of good will.

Overlapping Synods—The mission authorities of certain overlapping synods—the New York Ministerium, the New York and the New York and New England—meet at stated times to survey the field and to determine occupancy. The spirit of competition here has yielded to the spirit of cooperation.

Our Church Papers—The Board deeply appreciates the support which the work has received in the pages of *The Lutheran*, in *Lutheran Boys and Girls*, and *Woman's Work*. Many parish papers have been furnished with missionary news items and illustrations. Through the Luther League Topics an interest in missions has been quickened as evidenced by the increased number of inquiries which have come to the office during the past months.

Promotion:

Home Mission Conferences—A Conference of the Secretaries, Superintendents and Field Missionaries was held with the Board at its headquarters September 18, 1923. The purpose was to make a thorough survey of the field and to study the plan of operation. Thirty-one of the thirty-two workers and fifteen Board members were present. The following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, The Secretaries, Superintendents and Field Missionaries of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, have profited greatly from and by attendance at the sessions of this Special Conference, be it

Resolved, That we extend our sincere thanks and grateful appreciation to the Board for this special and inspirational privilege, feeling convinced that the results of this Conference are of lasting value to all the field forces and to the mission fields and churches which are our fields of labor.

Resolved, That it is our judgment that the Home Mission and Church Extension Board will advance the work of Missions by devising some plan whereby they may assist Mission congregations in securing parsonages and we recommend that they make such arrangements.

Resolved, That we recommend to the Board the publication of a small paper, issued quarterly or monthly, in which shall be given items of Home Mission and Church Extension information. This publication to be sent to members of the Board, all missionaries, secretaries, superintendents and ministers of the United Lutheran Church in America. The expense of the publication to be paid by the Treasurer of the Board.

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Resolved, That the Board secure, in such ways as they deem best, a wider presentation of the cause of Home Missions and Church Extension in our congregations.

Resolved, That the Board take under consideration the isuing of a program for Reformation Day in our Sunday schools, beginning with 1924, in which the needs of the Home Mission and Church Extension cause shall be stressed.

Resolved, That in view of the splendid Home Mission work which has been and is being accomplished by some congregations in supporting a Home Mission pastor, we request the Board to publish in pamphlet form and give to the Church a list of the congregations supporting or helping to support a Home Missionary, hoping thereby to inspire other congregations to do likewise.

Resolved, That we earnestly request the Board to adopt an effective method to collect overdue loans.

Resolved, That we rejoice that the Board is uniting with the Committee on Evangelism of the United Lutheran Church in its nation-wide mission for souls and promise our most cordial cooperation.

Resolved, That the review of the entire Home Mission field of the United Lutheran Church as outlined by the General and District Superintendents, the Synodical Superintendents and the Field Missionaries at this conference, has presented such unusual opportunities for immediate occupation of important fields, that we bring to the attention of the Church the imperative need for a larger proportion of the benevolences of the Church for the important agency of Home Missions and Church Extension.

A conference, under the auspices of the Home Missions Council, was held December 8th-10th at Rochester, N. Y., to promote a city-wide interest in Home Missions. Board representatives presented their work in all the churches of their denomination. Drs. Hartman, Hoffman, Seibert and Superintendent Berg represented our Board. One or more cities will be selected for similar conferences this year.

Home Mission conferences have been held by a number of synods at which the local opportunities and problems particularly were stressed. Others are contemplated.

The Accelerator—This is a news letter, containing messages from field and office that is sent out monthly with salary vouchers to missionaries and also to the members of General and Synodical Boards. It seems to be well received and to have an inspirational effect.

Illustrated Lecture—A beginning has been made in this method of presentation of Home Missions by the preparation of a lecture with slides giving a general survey of the whole field. It is available at the office of each of the District Superintendents. We trust the demand for it will justify the speedy preparation of others illustrating the work of each district and of different types of Home Missions.

Reformation Day Service—A Home Mission Service for the use of Sunday schools at the Reformation season has been prepared for the Board by Rev. I. Chantry Hoffman, D.D., the Eastern District Superintendent, with the cooperation of the representatives of the other Home Mission agencies. The use of such services in the past had a fine inspirational and educational

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value. The present generation is considerably indebted for its knowledge and interest in the work of the Boards to the training thus received. It is a custom well worth reviving.

An Awakened Interest:

Lutherans are becoming more profoundly convinced that Christ is calling every member of the Church to join Him in a conquering crusade that shall bring the Gospel to every soul in the Homeland. During the year a number of names have been added to the growing list of congregations that are supporting their own Home Mission pastor.

First Church, Altoona, Pa., Rev. M. J. Kline, D.D., pastor, assumed the support of Emmanuel Mission, Rochester, N. Y. Mt. Zion, Pittsburgh, Rev. C. E. Swoyer, pastor, assumed the support of Grace Church, Tarentum, Pa. Unity, Terre Haute, Ind., has been assigned to the First Church, Indianapolis, Rev. W. C. Davis, D.D., pastor. Hundreds of our strong congregations should not be content until they are represented in the Home Field by one or more missionary pastors.

A consecrated layman, Mr. J. B. Franke, a member of the Board, has made provision by means of an Endowment Policy through which the support of one or more missions will be assured for many years.

The Brotherhood of Indiana took the initiative in establishing the mission at Terre Haute and the Brotherhood of Illinois has assumed the support of Reformation, St. Louis. The Luther League of Minnesota has pledged a thousand dollars towards the support of a traveling missionary for the neglected rural sections of that state. Individual pastors, supported by a consecrated membership, are reaching out into outlying communities, conducting Sunday schools and establishing preaching points.

Finances:

Just a few items need be mentioned here, as the Treasurer's report is given under Appendix *F*.

Returned Loans—Forty-eight churches returned loans in whole or in part amounting to $58,586.50. (For itemized list see Appendix *E*.) This is an increase of $25,000 over the preceding biennium. However, with outstanding loans amounting to $928,355.60 this increase should have been much larger. The Board has adopted a follow-up policy which we hope will bring decided results. Synodical officers and Boards can render a great service to other needy missions by urging a prompt return of loans when due.

Bequests—Twenty-seven legacies were received as follows:

Anna M. Lake	$720.00
Wm. Ashmead Schaeffer	34,805.28
Anna M. Leidigh	400.00
Anna M. Trittle	76.41
Miller Estate	119.04
Hannah M. Haney	905.00
Emma Koch	259.16
J. F. Lowry	500.00

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Wm. P. Huffman	329.29
Ida Kate Fite	466.94
Sarah Shuster	2,426.59
Rebecca Bernheimer	512.13
Francis A. Richard	100.00
Anna Van Axte	450.00
Anna Ruhl	362.00
Adam Miller	178.57
Mary Mintz Fithian	1,750.00
Augusta Young	905.00
Samuel Brecker	270.00
Lavina Kennedy	100.00
Amelia Ziegler	181.00
Chas. Diehl	50.00
Mrs. Kate Wolf	142.50
Jonathan Reitz Estate	9,687.89
Frederick Van Axte	1,000.00
Bridenbaugh Estate	13.06
In Memoriam	100.00
Total	$ 56,809.86

Unless otherwise stipulated by the testator, this amount has been added to the Permanent Loan Fund, and will thus perpetuate the memory of the donors by helping continuously in the erection of churches.

Annuities—$24,000 was received on the annuity basis. The annuity plan offers an opportunity to many who could not otherwise give large amounts, to make a safe investment and at the same time to further the cause of the Master.

Assets—It is well to keep in mind that the available resources are limited to the cash on hand. The securities, with few exceptions, represent gifts for endowment, the interest of which only can be used. The $928,355 reported as Class "A" loans are assets but only become available as the loans are repaid. Thus the Board in the prosecution of the work during the new biennium will be limited to the cash on hand, receipts on budgeted apportionment, special gifts, legacies and amounts received on outstanding loans.

The Retirement of Dr. Weber:

For some years, Rev. H. H. Weber, D.D., had expressed a desire to be relieved of the responsibility he had carried as Executive of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension. His deep interest in and intelligent zeal for the cause to which he had with marked ability devoted many years restrained him from making his resignation effective until the Board had been relocated and a successor secured. He retired April 20, 1923, at which time the Board placed on record a minute of appreciation, from which the following paragraph is taken:

"For more than thirty years, with patient planning, courteous conduct and prayerful perseverence, he enhanced the conduct of Home Missions and Church Extension. He stirred the Church to a larger liberality for and to an increasing interest in this vital work. His gifts and his talents were

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consecrated to the work to which the Church called him and the effect of his labors will remain. The fruitage of long service will be enjoyed and participated in by many congregations in this country as the Church goes forward in establishing new congregations throughout the land."

In Memoriam:

A deep loss was sustained by the Board in the death of E. Augustus Miller, Esq. For many years Mr. Miller was one of the outstanding men in the work of the Home Mission Board of the former General Council. When the Boards of the three General Bodies were merged it was but natural that he should become a member of the new Board. As a legal adviser he rendered valuable service to the cause of Home Missions. A suitable memorial was adopted and spread upon the Minutes, which closed with this beautiful tribute:

"The intense earnestness with which he entered into every issue, the tempered zeal with which he followed out the lines of conviction inspired by a sense of right; the sympathetic spirit with which he approached every enterprise that claimed the Board's attention or called for his endorsement—in this, and all else, a frank, open, unbiased attitude, on his part, was ever in the ascendent. While we shall keenly feel the loss of his manly and masterful service we rejoice that the Lord gave us so capable a co-worker in the Home Mission cause and that by God's good grace he has now entered into his heavenly rest. With all sincerity of heart, we can inscribe in the page that records his mission activities, the commending words of the Master: 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant'."

The working force also sustained a deep loss in the departure of Rev. H. A. Ott, D.D., Rev. C. W. Stoever and Rev. M. H. Wickman.

Dr. Ott gave the greater part of his ministry to the work of Home Missions. As missionary pastor at Freeport and Quincy, Ill., and as Superintendent of Missions of the Kansas Synod, he gladly made many sacrifices. During the winter of 1922 while engaged in an exhaustive canvass in the development and organization of St. John's Church, Kansas City, Mo., because he could not be prevailed upon to spare his strength he contracted a fatal disease. He died at Topeka, Kans., March 28, 1923.

Rev. C. W. Stoever rendered faithful and successful service as pastor of several mission churches on the Pacific Coast. At the time of his tragic death, and that of his daughter, March 4, 1924, in an automobile accident he was pastor of the mission at Redlands, Calif.

Rev. M. H. Wickman was privileged to serve only a few years in the active ministry, being called to his reward at the age of thirty-four years. His first labors were in the Northwest Synod. June 1, 1921, he became pastor of our mission at Lakeland, Florida, which he served with great zeal until his death, October 12, 1923.

THE ADMINISTRATION.

At the Buffalo Convention, the Board was constituted as follows:

Terms to expire in 1924: Revs. H. B. Stock, D.D., J. M. Francis, D.D., J. E. Whitteker, D.D., Chas. J. Smith, D.D., G. E. Holtzapple, E. Augustus Miller, J. H. Rehder.

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Terms to expire in 1926: Revs. J. B. Markward, D.D., J. C. Seegers, D.D., J. M. Bramkamp, D.D., G. K. Rubrecht, D.D., W. L. Glatfelter, J. B. Franke, F. D. Bittner.

Terms to expire in 1928: Revs. G. F. Gehr, D.D., O. D. Baltzly, D.D., C. E. Gardner, D.D., O. S. Gruver, D.D., C. H. Boyer, C. J. Driever, Geo. E. Neff, Esq.

During the biennium E. Augustus Miller, Esq., Geo. E. Neff, Esq., W. L. Glatfelter and Dr. G. E. Holtzapple resigned. Mr. A. Raymond Bard was nominated to succeed Mr. Miller, Pres. S. J. Derrick to succeed Dr. Holtzapple, Hon. John F. Kramer to succeed Mr. Glatfelter and George H. Greiner, Esq., to succeed Mr. Neff. These nominations were approved by the Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church.

Organization:

The organization of the Board during the biennium has been as follows:

President—Rev. J. E. Whitteker, D.D., LL.D.
Vice-President—Rev. J. C. Seegers, D.D.
Treasurer—Mr. C. J. Driever.
Recording Secretary—Rev. J. M. Bramkamp, D.D.
General Secretary—Rev. J. F. Seiber, D.D.
Educational Secretary—Rev. A. Stewart Hartman, D.D.
Supt. Eastern District—Rev. I. Chantry Hoffman, D.D.
Supt. Southern District—Rev. A. D. R. Hancher.
Supt. Central District—Rev. J. S. Herold, D.D.
Supt. Western District—Rev. Geo. H. Hillerman, D.D.
Executive Committee—Revs. J. E. Whitteker, D.D., LL.D., J. M. Bramkamp, D.D., J. B. Markward, D.D., G. Keller Rubrecht, D.D., C. J. Driever, J. B. Franke and C. H. Boyer.
Attorneys-General—Theodore Johnson, Chicago.
Special—E. Augustus Miller, Philadelphia, Pa.; Geo. E. Neff, York, Pa.; Robbin B. Wolf, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Hon. C. M. Efird, Lexington, S. C.; Henry Alberts, Jr., New York City; Louis V. Lundberg, Portland, Ore.; Clarence Runkle, Los Angeles, Calif.

Upon the death of E. Augustus Miller, his son, Paul Van Reed Miller, was elected to succeed him.

At the April, 1923, meeting of the Board, Rev. J. F. Seibert, D.D., Superintendent of the Central District, was elected to succeed Dr. Weber as General Secretary. Rev. G. H. Hillerman, D.D., December, 1922, was elected Superintendent of the Western District, and Rev. J. S. Herold, D.D., September, 1923, Superintendent of the Central District.

Removal of Headquarters:

At the organizational meeting action was taken to carry into effect the decision of the Buffalo Convention to remove the Headquarters to Chicago. The Treasurer's office was transferred March 6, 1923, and that of the General Secretary April 20, 1923. The offices are at 860 Cass Street in the building purchased by the Board of Publication. It is located in the rapidly developing office building section of the near northside. Since

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December, 1922, all meetings of the Board and its Executive Committee have been held in Chicago.

Nominations:

The Board desires to place in nomination the following names to fill the vacancies occasioned by the expiration of their terms of office:

To serve for six years: Revs. H. B. Stock, D.D., J. M. Francis, D.D., J. E. Whitteker, D.D., LL.D., Chas. J. Smith, D.D., A. Raymond Bard, J. H. Rehder and S. J. Derrick.
To serve for four years: George H. Greiner.
To serve for two years: J. H. Kramer.

Reports of the District Superintendents

These reports give in greater detail the work, opportunities, problems and statistical exhibit of the entire mission field and emphasize the challenging call that comes from every section.

Eastern District

I. Chantry Hoffman, Superintendent.

The "Big Business" of the kingdom has been carried on in the Eastern District, through the biennium, under the guidance of the Great Head of the Church and with the most cordial cooperation of all officially related to the work.

Stimulating Statistics—The number and amounts of Church Extension Loans and Donations of Interest, the increased salaries, the purchase of strategically located lots and the building of commodious and churchly edifices, the spirit of consecration shown by pastors in accepting calls to fields that challenge faith and demand Christian courage; the organization of thirty new congregations, the assumption of self-sustenation by nineteen, the reductions made in the appropriations received by thirty, the investigation of sixty prospective fields and the very large offerings for the local and especially for the work of the United Lutheran Church; these show that God is doing great things for us and in us and through us.

Invaluable Information—Knowledge of conditions enables the Board to take proper action. General and generous help along this line has been contributed by contiguous congregations, Conference Committees and Synodical Boards. The determination of a field's strategic importance and of its absolute needs is dependent upon the invaluable information gotten and given by all related even remotely to the administration of our Home Mission and Church Extension operations. Great cities, the centers of civilization, have been surveyed and the results studied. Towns and smaller communities which are rarely the halting places of "the caravans of commerce" have not been neglected. Facts solve difficult problems.

Constructive Cooperation—Competition has been eliminated; constructive cooperation has been established between overlapping synods. The domination of this Christian method of missionating is not only encouraging, but

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is positively productive of efficiency and economy. Outstanding illustrations of this better way are found in Canada and are eventuating in the merger of these two synods, and in that vast territory covered by the New York Ministerium, the New York Synod and the Synod of New York and New England. It has been a real joy to sit with the representatives of the Synodical Boards of these Synods, at their bimonthly meetings, and join in giving careful and unbiased consideration to the many fields (now numbering 40) and assigning these to the synod best fitted to make fullest investigation as to prospects for development and report for final allocation. God has blessed this order of procedure and the work of the King has prospered wonderfully.

Modern Macedonias—They are here, in America. The very cosmopolitan character of our population is the Macedonian cry. "Come over and help us" is the appeal from the Dominion of Canada; from "Old New England," with its great cities of cultural and commercial importance; from the dominating middle section—New York, the Empire State; Pennsylvania, the Keystone State; New Jersey, the Garden State; Delaware, the Blue Hen State. As Muhlenberg, Heyer and the Passavants and Barnitz and the Fathers heard and answered in their day, so must we in our day. We will pray and God's power will come; we will give our men and our money and our talents that these modern Macedonias may know Him whom to know is life eternal. From the lakes to the sea, from the rivers and the mountains; from the warm South and the frozen North comes the appeal. May God give us the spirit of Paul, the Great Missionary, that these modern Macedonias may hear the Gospel.

Effective Evangelism—Emphasis has been placed upon Scriptural Evangelism. Every opportunity has been seized to urge the importance of pastoral visitation and the fulfillment of the obligation of the Divine Commission to evangelize the unevangelized of all nations. The splendid record of accessions, in our mission congregations, is proof positive of the earnest effort put forth to win the souls of the unsaved and to woo unfaithful saints to faithfulness. This "Big Business" is appealing to men as well as to women and the telling of "the old, old story of Jesus and His love," is being done as never before. There is an appreciation of the obligation of the Christian to be witnesses (martyrs) of the Saviour to sinners. The realization of this responsibility has meant much in the winning of souls and the deepening of the spiritual life of the Church. Our mission congregations have cooperated heartily with the Committee on Evangelism and are prepared to go even farther in the Christlike service of saving the unsaved.

Our Optimistic Outlook—During the biennium splendid advance has been made. The past is prophetic of mightier victories in the future. The promise of greater things than these will be redeemed by Him whose command is to go in His name to do His work. Through consecration, coordination, and cooperation His confessors will be more than conquerors

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STATISTICAL REPORT—EASTERN DISTRICT

SYNODS	Missions, July 31, 1922	Appropriations, July 31, 1924.	Missions, July 31, 1924.	Appropriations, July 31, 1924.	Missions Received since July 31, 1922.	Appropriation for Same.	Number Receiving Increased Appropriations.	Amount of Such Increase.	Self-sustaining since July 31, 1922.	Amount Released by Same.	Number Reducing Appropriations.	Amount of Such Reductions.	Missions Increasing Salaries.	Amount of Such Increase.	Number of Parsonages, 1924.	Vacancies, July 31, 1924.
1 Allegheny	7	$2,750	6	$2,400	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	$200	1	$150	.....	.....	6	2
2 Central Canada	5	3,200	5	3,425	.....	.....	2	225	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	225	2	1
3 East Penna.	21	10,780	20	11,280	4	2,700	1	250	5	1,850	3	600	3	800	12	2
4 Min. of Penna.	12	7,180	*17	6,730	6	800	2	250	1	300	5	1,200	4	450	9	6
5 Nova Scotia	3	1,100	3	1,300	.....	.....	1	200	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....
6 N. Y. and N. E.	10	8,200	13	7,400	5	900	2	500	2	1,800	3	400	1	200	3	6
7 New York	17	9,050	21	9,700	9	3,800	3	500	5	2,450	7	1,200	8	2,100	9	5
8 Pittsburgh	32	17,660	32	20,960	4	3,780	7	2,500	4	1,540	11	1,440	6	1,115	13	1
9 Susquehanna	2	950	1	600	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	250	1	100	1	500	1	.....
10 West Penna.	4	1,780	6	2,250	2	350	1	120	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	1,730	6	.....
Totals	113	$62,630	124	$66,025	30	$12,330	19	$4,545	19	$8,390	31	$5,090	29	$6,120	64	23
Average	.....	554	.....	532	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

*Five of these are new congregations to which no definite appropriations for pastoral support have been made.

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through Christ, the Conqueror. The standards of the Saviour are being set up and America is being possessed for the King, who is to reign from sea to sea and from pole to pole.

Southern District

A. D. R. Hancher, Superintendent.

The Southern District has made progress during the biennium. Some sections have made more than others due in part to local conditions. One had had poor crops for two successive years, another suffered curtailment of mill operations to half-time and even three days a week. These conditions had their effect.

Church buildings have been erected as follows: two in the city of Baltimore, one in East Riverdale, Md., one now under construction in Hendersonville, N. C., also in Cullman, Ala., one at Saxa Gotha, S. C., one at Ridge Spring, S. C., Jackson, Miss., and Louisville, Miss. The mission at Chattanooga, Tenn., purchased a fine building centrally located, as did the mission in Dallas, Texas. The church in St. Petersburg, Fla., has been completed and has a seating capacity of 700. Lots have been secured for St. Stephen's, the second new work in Washington, D. C., Rocky Mount, N. C., Shelby, N. C., Durham, N. C., Greenville, Tenn., and Laurel, Miss. The initial steps have been taken for a second church in Atlanta, Ga.

Additions to the working forces have been made in the Field Missionaries for the western section of the North Carolina Synod and for the Georgia Synod.

The missionary pastors entered heartily into the program of the Committee on Evangelism with the result that the accessions were gratifyingly large—one mission has doubled its membership in two years, 72 per cent. of the increase coming from non-Lutheran sources. Two pastors reported eleven adult baptisms each in their quarterly report.

The youngest work in this District is in the oldest city in the United States, St. Augustine, Fla. It is expected that an organization with a membership of at least twenty-five will be effected.

All over the district opportunities for new work exist. Especially appealing are those in the Muscle Shoals territory, Florida, Memphis, New Orleans, and the vast state of Texas. The opportunities for Home Mission work are the greatest challenge ever made to the Church.

Central District

J. S. Herold, Superintendent.

The Central District comprises that great sweep of country from Ohio in the East to Montana in the West and Oklahoma in the South across the international boundary to the Arctic Circle, that has rightfully been called the granary of the world. In this mighty Empire a remarkable change is taking place with which the Church must reckon in determining the Home Mission program of the future. Westward the course of another Empire

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STATISTICAL REPORT—SOUTHERN DISTRICT

SYNODS	Missions, July 31, 1922.	Appropriations, July 31, 1922.	Missions, July 31, 1924.	Appropriations, July 31, 1924.	Missions Received Since July 31, 1922.	Appropriations for Same.	Number Receiving Increased Appropriations.	Amount of Such Increase.	Self-sustaining or Discontinued Between July 31, 1922, and July 31, 1924.	Amount Released by Same.	Number Reducing Appropriations.	Amount of Such Reductions.	Missions Increasing Salaries.	Amount of Such Increase.	Number of Vacancies, July 31, 1922.	Number of Vacancies, July 31, 1924.	Number of Parsonages.
1 West Virginia	6	$4,150	7	$4,690	1	$400	3	$550	.....	.....	4	$410	5	$1,020	4	2	3
2 Maryland	12	7,250	16	10,660	5	3,600	4	550	.....	300	4	300	7	1,000	1	2	7
3 Virginia	11	7,860	10	8,525	1	750	2	200	1	400	6	695	12	2,035	4	.....	3
4 North Carolina	15	10,353	20	14,425	6	4,920	3	320	1	558	9	635	14	2,747	2	5	10
5 South Carolina	11	5,200	9	5,485	2	1,650	1	75	2	450	6	340	8	775	4	2	7
6 Georgia	6	5,720	8	6,120	3	1,580	2	200	.....	.....	1	100	8	650	.....	2	3
7 Mississippi	6	2,600	5	1,675	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	900	1	25	3	.....	1	.....	2
8 Texas	1	.....	2	750	1	750	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....
Totals	68	$43,133	77	$52,330	19	$13,850	15	$1,895	6	$2,608	31	$2,506	49	$8,227	16	14	35

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takes its way—the Empire of Industry. In 1910 almost 75 per cent. of the population of the Central States was found in the country. In this same territory, ten years later, according to the census of 1920, urban and rural population was equally divided.

Lutheranism predominates in the life of this district. But all to often it is a Lutheranism which not only speaks a foreign tongue, but which manifests a foreign spirit and finds its strongest centers in the rural communities. When the forward looking sons and daughters of the sturdy Lutheran races have become thoroughly Americanized and throng our city streets will Lutheranism still dominate the life of the Middle West? An aggressive missionary policy will help to answer the question in such a way that future generations of American Lutherans need not hang their heads in shame. Every available dollar and every available man could profitably be used by the Board in the extension of the kingdom in this Central District.

The Field Force—Four of the synods are served by Synodical Superintendents, in three synods full-time presidents supervise the mission work. Eleven Field Missionaries are exploring new fields and doing pioneer work for the Church. More than one hundred missionaries with intense zeal and true consecration are carrying the standards of the Church to new battle fronts. The percentage of increase in the confirmed membership reported by the missions of this territory averages 24.51 per cent.—an eloquent testimony to the missionary spirit of our mission pastors.

Neglected Opportunities—One of our Field Missionaries reports a territory of one hundred miles square without a single church of any kind. It is true, this territory is sparsely settled, but the government has thought it worth while to erect a school building every four miles. Should the Church do less in spiritual matters for these widely scattered pioneers? The Northern Peninsula of Michigan with a score of cities with a population from five to fifteen thousand is an unknown land to the United Lutheran Church. In Montana there are two lone missionaries of the United Lutheran Church holding the field and eagerly awaiting reenforcements. Oklahoma with its rapidly growing cities has but two English United Lutheran churches. In the great industrial centers, in the neglected rural communities, in the lumber camps of the North and the irrigation farms of the West, the unchurched multitudes present an opportunity which comes as a challenge to test the faith and the courage of the Lutheran Church of America. The fields are white unto harvest, but the laborers are few.

Western District

G. H. Hillerman, Superintendent.

Its Size—Ten states of the Rocky Mountain and Pacific Coast territory, together with British Columbia, Alaska and El Paso, Texas, represent the field, which covers, in round figures, two million square miles, with a population of over 10,000,000.

Its Material Prospects—Two aspects alone can convey some idea of the

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STATISTICAL REPORT— CENTRAL DISTRICT

SYNODS	Mission Parishes, July 31, 1922.	Appropriations, July 31, 1922.	Mission Parishes, July 31, 1924.	Appropriations, July 31, 1924.	Missions Received Since July 31, 1922.	Amount Appropriated for the Same.	Number Receiving Increased Appropriations.	Amount of Such Increase.	Missions Assuming Self-support during the Biennium.	Amount Released by the Same.	Number Reducing Appropriations.	Amount of Such Reductions.	Missions Increasing Salaries.	Amount of Such Increase.	Number of Vacancies, July 31, 1922.	Number of Vacancies, July 31, 1924.	Number of Parsonages.
1 Ohio	22	$16,490	23	$15,875	4	$3,000	.....	.....	3	$1,480	12	$3,355	6	$1,100	.....	3	9
2 Indiana	11	7,575	14	9,350	3	3,000	.....	.....	1	425	9	1,475	4	750	1	1	7
3 Michigan	8	11,290	10	13,850	3	4,100	.....	.....	1	360	8	1,700	4	550	1	1	5
4 Illinois	19	17,690	18	16,200	5	7,200	.....	.....	3	4,400	11	2,200	7	1,200	3	2	5
5 Northwest	21	23,930	26	24,535	6	4,900	5	1,560	1	240	14	5,710	3	250	1	.....	11
6 Iowa	11	7,225	10	8,080	1	1,400	.....	.....	1	150	5	315	3	470	1	1	5
7 Nebraska	6	4,250	7	3,500	3	900	.....	.....	2	750	3	600	2	300	1	1	3
8 Kansas	11	5,700	8	6,350	.....	.....	4	1,675	3	575	2	365	1	400	.....	1	7
Totals	109	$94,150	116	$97,340	25	$24,500	9	$3,235	20	$8,380	64	$15,720	30	$5,120	8	10	52

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future possibilities. Government officials have shown that the eleven states (includes Montana) alone have close to 75 per cent. of the available hydro-electric power of the country; and that the land possible for irrigation in the same district can support two hundred million people, or more than twentyfold the present population.

The Religious Situation—It is distinctly pioneer work, laboring with what is largely a migratory population, beset on all sides by the concentrated manifestations of all the isms and fads of mankind. And in its separation from the main body of our Church it faces the added and serious difficulty of securing readily and quickly men of the proper caliber to care for its activities.

The Synods—Three synods are at work in this territory, separated from each other by a day and a half or two days' railroad travel. One of these synods is a string of congregations 1,100 miles in length, as far as from New York City to Florida, and the other synods have already entered territory of that length, but having more breadth than the first named.

The Field Force—Six Field Missionaries and fifty-one pastors are allotted to the oversight of the missionary operations of the United Lutheran Church in this district, under the direction of the three Synodical Boards and the District Superintendent.

Some Outstanding Results of the Biennium—Eleven new missions have been organized, four of which have not yet received an appropriation from the Board; four assumed self-support, while seventeen made increases in the salaries of pastors, and twenty made reductions in appropriations from the Board.

The Outlook—A few facts will be sufficient to emphasize the importance of the field and the possibilities of the future. In the state of Arizona we have but one congregation, with growing cities like Tucson, Prescott and Bisbee bespeaking the need of a Field Missionary; New Mexico has but one functioning congregation, while there is not even one in Idaho, Nevada or Utah, and Wyoming has but two. In this district there are thirty-one cities of 10,000 or over population which have no English Lutheran work; and it has been estimated that the entire Lutheran force has not gotten into its congregations more than about 6 per cent. of the Lutheran material. Cities like Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle, Denver, San Diego and others could use the entire service of a Field Missionary immediately and keep him busy for years on the material already there. The opportunity is shown in one case where a Field Missionary in 500 consecutive calls found fifty Lutheran families.

The Need—Aside from the conventional work of missions, there is a preeminent call for our Church to enter the field of the Community Church, which shall meet the needs of the entire community, and not of a Lutheran clientele alone, yet under direct Lutheran control. Men with a vision, men ready to "endure hardship as good soldiers," men who will put service above remuneration, men ready to lay foundations for another's building, men

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STATISTICAL REPORT—WESTERN DISTRICT

SYNODS	Missions, July 31, 1922.	Appropriations, July 31, 1922.	Missions, July 31, 1924.	Appropriations, July 31, 1924.	Missions Received Since July 31, 1922.	Amount of Appropriation for the Same.	Number Receiving Increased Appropriations.	Amount of Such Increase.	Self-sustaining to July 31, 1924.	Amount Released by the Same.	Number Reducing Appropriation.	Amount of Such Reduction.	Missions Increasing Salaries.	Amount of Such Increase.	Number of Vacancies, July, 31, 1922.	Number of Vacancies, July 31, 1924.	Number of Parsonages.
1 California	17	$14,015	19	$18,080	5	$3,460	1	$300	2	$550	10	$365	8	$1,525	1	6	5
2 Pacific	16	14,800	20	18,660	5	3,900	.....	.....	1	900	2	240	6	1,600	2	4	13
3 Rocky Mountain	12	7,250	12	9,685	1	1,620	1	240	1	300	8	725	3	980	2	3	4
Totals	45	$36,065	51	$46,425	11	$8,970	2	$540	4	$1,750	20	$1,820	17	$4,105	5	13	22

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willing to be all things to all men in order to accomplish the salvation of some of them. Money sufficient to start our missions on a self-respecting basis. We have entered the field in most cases long after the other denominations have obtained a strong foothold, and what would have been sufficient when they began, today is only a trifle, and subjects our congregations to extreme embarrassment, to say the least, before the eyes of a critical community. But one slogan fits the situation and the need, "Occupy, occupy, occupy!"

Conclusion

With heartfelt appreciation of the untiring labors of the devoted missionaries and in grateful recognition of the many blessings which the great Head of the Church has bestowed upon the work of the biennium, the Board continues to look to Him for wisdom and guidance as we go forward.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. Whitteker, *President,*
J. F. Seibert, *General Secretary.*

APPENDIX A.

New Missions Received and Organized

East Pennsylvania Synod

Palmyra, New Jersey	First	October,	1921
Narberth, Penna.	Holy Trinity	January,	1922
West Chester, Penna.	Calvary	March,	1923
Drexel Hill, Penna.	Grace	April,	1923
Woodbury, N. J.	Trinity	February,	1924

Ministerium of Pennsylvania

Laureldale, Penna.	Calvary	February,	1921
Frankford, Phila., Pa.	Covenant	April,	1924
Pleasantville, N. J.	Epiphany	February,	1924
Vineland, N. J.	Redeemer	April,	1924
Ocean City, N. J.	St. John's	June,	1923
Manasquan, N. J.	Holy Trinity	September,	1923
Somers Point, N. J.	Grace	April,	1924

New York and New England Synod

Woodhaven, L. I., N. Y.	St. James'	October	1921
Rochester, N. Y.	Emmanuel	November,	1922
Flushing, L. I., N. Y.	Messiah	May,	1924
Queens, L. I., N. Y.	Redeemer	December,	1923
Franklin Square, L. I., N. Y.	Ascension	October,	1923
Hollis Circle, L. I., N. Y.	Hollis Circle	May,	1924

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New York Synod

Springfield Gardens, L. I., N. Y.	Bethany	September,	1922
Hillside, N. J.	Calvary	June,	1922
Howard Beach N. Y.	St. Barnabas'	July,	1922
Gerrittsen Beach, N. Y.	St. James'	February,	1924
Hillside, L. I., N. Y.	Our Saviour	October,	1923
Baisley Park, N. Y.	Incarnation	February,	1924
Pelham Park, N. Y.	Calvary	July,	1924

Pittsburgh Synod

Arnold, Penna.	Calvary	November,	1922
Cleveland, Ohio	St. John's	July,	1922
Sharon, Penna.	Holy Trinity	September,	1921

West Virginia Synod

New Milton, W. Va.	St. Johannis	January,	1924

Maryland Synod

Lansdowne, Md.	Our Saviour	February,	1923
Mt. Winans, Md.	St. Paul's	February,	1923
Washington, D. C.	St. Stephen's	September,	1923
East Riverside, Md.	St. John's	February,	1924
Cordova, Md.	St. Paul's	February,	1924

Virginia Synod

Danville, Va.	Ascension	January,	1923

North Carolina Synod

Shelby, N. C.	Ascension	June,	1923
Asheville, N. C.	St. Mark's	June,	1923
Rocky Mount, N. C.	Trinity	April,	1923
Durham, N. C.	St. Paul's	June,	1924
Rockingham, Va.	Parish	January,	1924
Boone, N. C.	St. Mark's	March,	1924

South Carolina Synod

Lexington Co.	Bethlehem	January,	1923
Rock Hill, S. C.	Grace	June,	1923

Georgia Synod

Weirsdale, Fla.	St. John's	January,	1923
Cullman, Ala.	Christ	May,	1924

Mississippi Synod

Winston, Miss.	Parish	January,	1923

Texas Synod

Dallas, Texas	Luther Memorial	May,	1923

Ohio Synod

Columbus, Ohio	Redeemer	April,	1923
Oak Harbor, Ohio	Grace	April,	1923
Toledo, Ohio	Reformation	February,	1923
Bowling Green, Ohio	First	June,	1923

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Indiana Synod

Indianapolis, Ind.	Bethany	October,	1923
Indianapolis, Ind.	Bethlehem	October,	1923
Terre Haute, Ind.	Unity	June,	1924

Michigan Synod

Lansing, Mich.	Redeemer	October,	1922
Windsor, Ont.	Trinity	September,	1922
Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.	Zion	July,	1923
Detroit, Mich.	Unity	November,	1922
Detroit, Mich.	Hope	November,	1923
Saginaw, Mich.	Resurrection	May,	1924

Illinois Synod

Chicago, Ill.	St. Mark's	October,	1922
Elmhurst, Ill.	Elmhurst	April,	1923
St. Louis, Mo.	Reformation	September,	1923
Brookfield, Ill.	Brookfield	December,	1923
Yorkville, Ill.	Bethesda	September,	1923

Synod of the Northwest

West Bend, Wis.	Trinity	September,	1922
Oxboro, Minn.	St. Luke's	September,	1922
Jefferson, Wis.	St. Mark's	November,	1923
Marshfield, Wis.	Trinity	June,	1923
Morris Park, Minn.	Resurrection	May,	1923
Milwaukee, Wis.	Pentecost	May,	1924
Argonne, Wis.	Trinity	May,	1924

Iowa Synod

Des Moines, Iowa	Unity	February,	1924

Nebraska Synod

Elkhorn, Neb.	Elkhorn	September,	1923
Sidney-Gurley, Neb.	Parish	November,	1923
Paxton-Sutherland, Neb.	Parish	April,	1924

Rocky Mountain Synod

Casper, Wyo.	Grace	October,	1922

Pacific Synod

American Lake, Wash.	American Lake		
Tacoma, Wash.	Grace	June,	1923
Kelso, Wash.	Trinity		
Portland, Ore.	St. Mark's	July,	1924

Total, 92.

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APPENDIX B.

Self-supporting or Discontinued from Budget

EASTERN DISTRICT

New York Synod

Hicksville, N. Y. ..... St. Stephen's
Hollis, N. Y. ..... Holy Trinity
South Ozone Park, N. Y. ..... Good Shepherd
Dolgeville, N. Y. ..... Zion
Jersey City, N. J. ..... Calvary
Brooklyn, N. Y. ..... St. Paul's

New York and New England Synod

Merrick and North Bellmore, L. I. ..... St. John's and Grace
Brooklyn, N. Y. ..... Mediator

Ministerium of Pennsylvania

Philadelphia, Pa. ..... Immanuel

East Pennsylvania

Camden, N. J. ..... Trinity
Collingswood, N. J. ..... St. Paul's
Fort Washington, Pa. ..... Trinity
Oreland, Pa. ..... Christ
Reading, Pa. ..... St. Peter's
Ambler, Pa. ..... St. John's

Alleghany Synod

Woodbury Parish

Pittsburgh Synod

Pittsburgh, Pa. ..... Memorial
Smithton, Pa. ..... Memorial
North East, Pa. ..... St. Peter's
Rural Valley Parish

Susquehanna Synod

State College, Pa. ..... Grace

SOUTHERN DISTRICT

Maryland Synod

Baltimore, Md. ..... Holy Comforter

Virginia Synod

Vinton Parish

North Carolina Synod

Greensboro ..... First

South Carolina Synod

Saluda, S. C. ..... Mt. Pleasant and Trinity
Silver Street, S. C. ..... Silver Street

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Mississippi Synod

Greenville, Miss. ..... Greenville

CENTRAL DISTRICT

Ohio Synod

Cleveland, Ohio ..... Trinity, Lakewood
Columbus, Ohio ..... Indianola
Lorain, Ohio ..... First

Indiana Synod

Batesville, Ind. ..... Batesville

Michigan Synod

Butler, Ind. ..... Butler

Illinois Synod

Chicago, Ill. ..... North Austin
Chicago, Ill. ..... Advent
Chicago, Ill. ..... Atonement
Chicago Heights, Ill. ..... Trinity
Cicero, Ill. ..... Gethsemane
St. Louis, Mo. ..... Reen Memorial
Peoria, Ill. ..... Grace
Webster Grove, Mo. ..... Webster Grove

Northwest Synod

Marinette, Wis. ..... St. James'

Iowa Synod

Princeton and Pleasant Valley ..... Parish

Nebraska Synod

Leigh, Neb. ..... St. John's
Gretna, Neb. ..... Gretna

Kansas Synod

Whitewater, Kans. ..... Whitewater
Greenleaf, Kans. ..... Greenleaf
Tulsa, Okla. ..... First

WESTERN DISTRICT

California

Pasadena, Calif. ..... Trinity
Riverside, Calif. ..... Trinity

Rocky Mountain Synod

Albuquerque, N. Mex. ..... St. Paul's

Pacific Synod

Seattle, Wash. ..... St. Paul's

Total, 49.

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APPENDIX C.

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EASTERN DISTRICT

1. Arnold, Pa. ..... Calvary
2. Butler, Pa. ..... Trinity
3. Cleveland, Ohio ..... St. John's
4. Hamilton, Ont. ..... Trinity
5. Hasbrook Heights, N. J. ..... Holy Trinity
6. Hillside, N. J. ..... Calvary
7. Mountainville, Pa. ..... Trinity
8. Philadelphia, Pa. ..... Gloria Dei
9. River Edge, N. J. ..... Grace
10. Schenectady, N. Y. ..... First
11. Sharon, Pa. ..... Trinity
12. Syracuse, N. Y. ..... Atonement
13. Trenton, N. J. ..... Bethel
14. Wilkes-Barre, Pa. ..... Holy Trinity

SOUTHERN DISTRICT

1. Baltimore, Md. ..... All Saints
2. Baltimore, Md. ..... Ascension
3. Chattanooga, Tenn. ..... Ascension
4. Cullman, Ala. ..... Christ
5. Dallas, Texas ..... First
6. Easton, Md. ..... Grace
7. East Riverdale, Md. ..... St. John's
8. Goodman, Miss. ..... St. Mark's
9. Hendersonville, N. C. ..... Grace
10. Laurel, Miss. ..... Grace
11. Lynchburg, Va. ..... Trinity
12. Mt. Pleasant, N. C. ..... Watauga Mission
13. Raleigh, N. C. ..... Trinity
14. Rock Mount, N. C. ..... Trinity
15. Statesville, N. C. ..... St. John's
16. Jackson, Miss. ..... Trinity

CENTRAL DISTRICT

1. Billings, Mont. ..... First
2. Bowling Green, Ohio ..... First
3. Broadview, Ill. ..... Broadview
4. Chicago, Ill. ..... Immanuel
5. Chicago, Ill. ..... Norwood Park
6. Chicago, Ill. ..... North Austin
7. Chicago, Ill. ..... St. Thomas
8. Cleveland Heights, Ohio ..... Messiah
9. Columbus, Ohio ..... Redeemer
10. Des Moines, Iowa ..... Unity
11. Detroit, Mich. ..... Hope
12. Detroit, Mich. ..... Luther Memorial
13. Detroit, Mich. ..... Unity
14. Elmhurst, Ill. ..... Elmhurst
15. Evanston, Ill. ..... St. Paul's

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16. Evansville, Ind. ..... Christ
17. Flint, Mich. ..... Holy Trinity
18. Indianapolis, Ind. ..... Bethlehem
19. Kansas City, Kans. ..... Trinity
20. Lansing, Mich. ..... Redeemer
21. Lincoln, Neb. .....
22. Marshfield, Wis. ..... Incarnation
23. Milwaukee, Wis. ..... Resurrection
24. Minneapolis, Minn. ..... Luther Memorial
25. Madison, Wis. ..... Grace
26. Muscatine, Iowa ..... Trinity
27. Ottumwa, Iowa ..... St. Mark's
28. St. Louis, Mo. ..... Advent
29. Superior, Wis. ..... Holy Trinity
30. Terre Haute, Ind. ..... Unity
31. Toledo, Ohio ..... Redeemer
32. Walters, Minn. ..... Faith
33. Waukesha, Wis. ..... St. Luke's
34. Williston, N. Dak. ..... Trinity
35. Windsor, Ont. ..... Trinity

WESTERN DISTRICT

1. Casper, Wyo. ..... Grace
2. Huntington Park, Calif. ..... First
3. Los Angeles, Calif. ..... Hollywood
4. Oakland, Calif. ..... St. Johannes'
5. Seattle, Wash. ..... St. James
6. Seattle, Wash. ..... University
7. Victoria, B. C. ..... Grace

NORTHWESTERN MISSION BOARD:

1. Edmonton, Alta. .... St. John's
2. Chicago, Ill. .... Friedens
3. Guttenberg, Ia. .... St. Paul's

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APPENDIX D

Donations

EASTERN DISTRICT

1. Altoona, Pa. ..... Temple
2. Ambler, Pa. ..... St. John's
3. Ashtabula, Ohio ..... First
4. Athol, Pa. ..... St. Paul's
5. Baden, Pa. ..... Christ
6. Beechview, Pa. ..... St. Stephen's
7. Berwick, Pa. ..... Holy Trinity
8. Bethlehem, Pa. ..... St. Stephen's
9. Bethlehem, Pa. ..... Rosemont
10. Bridgeport, Ohio. ..... Trinity
11. Brooklin, Pa. ..... Temple
12. Brooklyn, N. Y. ..... Advent
13. Brooklyn, N. Y. ..... Covenant
14. Brooklyn, N. Y. ..... St. Paul's
15. Brooklyn, N. Y. ..... St. Phillip's
16. Buffalo, N. Y. ..... Zion
17. Butler, Pa. ..... Trinity
18. Charleroi, Pa. ..... Christ
19. Chester, Pa. ..... Nativity
20. Cleveland, Ohio ..... St. John's
21. Coatesville, Pa. ..... Our Saviour's
22. Cold Springs, Pa. .....
23. Cogan Station, Pa. ..... St. Michael's
24. Conneaut, Ohio ..... Grace
25. Dolgeville, N. Y. ..... Zion
26. Drexel Hill, Pa. ..... Grace
27. Eberta, Pa. ..... St. James'
28. Elmwood, Pa. .....
29. Emigsville, Pa. ..... Parish
30. Erie, Pa. ..... Christ
31. Farmingdale, L. I. ..... St. Luke's
32. Ghent, N. Y. ..... Christ
33. Glen Morris, L. I. ..... St. Andrew's
34. Guelph, Ont. ..... St. Paul's
35. Halifax, N. S. ..... Resurrection
36. Hamilton, Ont. ..... Trinity
37. Harmony Grove, Pa. .....
38. Harrisburg, Pa. ..... St. Paul's
39. Hellam, Pa. .....
40. Herkimer, N. Y. .....
41. Homstead, Pa. ..... Messiah
42. Jersey City, N. J. ..... Calvary
43. Jersey City, N. J. ..... Holy Trinity
44. Jersey City, N. J. ..... Our Saviour's
45. Johnson City, N. Y. ..... St. Paul's
46. Le Moyne, Pa. ..... Trinity
47. Logansville, Pa. ..... Christ
48. Milvale, Pa. ..... Christ
49. Mountainville, Pa. ..... Trinity
50. Montreal, Ont. ..... Redeemer

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51. Mohawk, L. I, ...
52. Narberth, Pa. ..... Holy Trinity
53. Newark, N. J. ..... Advent
54. Mt. Wolf, Pa. ..... Parish
55. Newberry, Pa. ..... St. Matthew's
56. New Cumberland, Pa. ..... St. Paul's
57. New York, N. Y. ..... St. Thomas
58. New York, N. Y. ..... Holy Trinity
59. Ocean City, N. J. ..... St. John's
60. Philadelphia, Pa. ..... Advocate
61. Philadelphia, Pa. ..... Christ
62. Philadelphia, Pa. ..... Luther Memorial
63. Philadelphia, Pa. ..... Mediator
64. Philadelphia, Pa. ..... Muhlenberg
65. Philadelphia, Pa. ..... St. Simeon's
66. Philadelphia, Pa. ..... Temple
67. Pitcairn, Pa. ..... St. Paul's
68. Pittsburgh, Pa. ..... Holy Trinity
69. Pittsburgh, Pa. ..... Luther Memorial
70. Reading, Pa. ..... Redeemer
71. Reading, Pa. ..... St. Peter's
72. Reynoldsville, Pa. ..... Reynoldsville
73. Ridgefield Park, N. J. ..... Christ
74. River Edge, N. J. ..... Grace
75. Sewickley, Pa. ..... St. Paul's
76. Shrewsburg, Pa. ..... Grace
77. Schenectady, N. Y. ..... First
78. Scranton, Pa. ..... Grace
79. Smithton, Pa. ..... Memorial
80. Starview, Pa. ..... Parish
81. Syracuse, N. Y. ..... Atonement
82. Tinicum, Pa. ..... Holy Trinity
83. Trenton, N. J. ..... Bethel
84. Trenton, N. J. ..... St. Mark's
85. Toronto, Ont. ..... St. Paul's
86. Upper Darby, Pa. ..... Christ
87. West Chester, Pa. ..... Calvary
88. Wesleyville, Pa. ..... Messiah
89. West Collingswood, N. J. ..... St. Luke's
90. Wilmington, Del. ..... Holy Trinity
91. Wilkes-Barre, Pa. ..... Holy Trinity
92. Woodlawn, Pa. ..... House of Prayer
93. Wyomissing, Pa. ..... Atonement
94. York, Pa. ..... Augsburg
95. York, Pa. ..... Good Shepherd
96. York, Pa. ..... Messiah
97. York, Pa. ..... St. James'
98. York, Pa. ..... Salem

CENTRAL DISTRICT

1. Benson, Nebr. ..... First
2. Billings, Mont. ..... First
3. Bowling Green, Ohio ..... First
4. Broadview, Ill. ..... Broadview
5. Cambridge, Ohio ..... Christ

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6. Centralia, Ill. ..... Redeemer
7. Champaign, Ill. ..... Grace
8. Chicago, Ill. ..... Advent
9. Chicago, Ill. ..... Belmont Park
10. Chicago, Ill. ..... North Austin
11. Chicago, Ill. ..... Reformation
12. Chicago, Ill. ..... Tabor
13. Columbus, Ohio ..... Hilltop
14. Columbus, Ohio ..... Indianola
15. Council Bluffs, Iowa ..... St. John's
16. Covington, Ky. ..... First
17. Cleveland, Ohio ..... St. James'
18. Davenport, Iowa ..... St. Mark's
19. Dayton, Ohio ..... Westwood
20. Des Moines, Iowa ..... Unity
21. Detroit, Mich. ..... East Jefferson Ave.
22. Detroit, Mich. ..... Hope
23. Detroit, Mich. ..... Reformation
24. Detroit, Mich. ..... St. Paul's
25. Detroit, Mich. ..... Unity
26. Dubuque, Iowa ..... St. Mark's
27. Elkhorn, Neb. ..... United Evangelical Lutheran
28. Evansville, Ind. ..... Christ
29. Evansville, Ind. ..... St. Mark's
30. Flint, Mich. ..... Holy Trinity
31. Hutchinson, Kans. ..... Zion
32. Indianapolis, Ind. ..... Gethsemane
33. Indianapolis, Ind. ..... Reformation
34. Iowa Falls, Iowa ..... English
35. Joliet, Ill. ..... St. John's
36. Kansas City, Mo. ..... St. John's
37. Lakewood, Ohio ..... Trinity
38. Lincoln, Neb. ..... Grace
39. Livingston, Mont. ..... Redeemer
40. Madison, Wis. ..... Luther Memorial
41. Manly, Iowa ..... Manly
42. Marinette, Wis. ..... St. James'
43. Milwaukee, Wis. ..... Incarnation
44. Milwaukee, Wis. ..... Washington Park
45. Muncie, Ind. ..... Holy Trinity
46. Muscatine, Iowa ..... Grace
47. Ottumwa, Iowa ..... St. Mark's
48. Omaha, Neb. ..... Redeemer
49. Paducah, Ky. ..... St. Matthew's
50. Park Ridge, Ill. ..... St. Luke's
51. Peoria, Ill. ..... Grace
52. Phillips, Wis. ..... St. John's
53. Saulte Ste. Marie, Ont. ..... Zion
54. St. Louis, Mo. ..... Advent
55. Toledo, Ohio ..... Augsburg
56. Toledo, Ohio ..... Olivet
57. Tulsa, Okla. ..... First
58. Wilmette, Ill. ..... Wilmette
59. Windsor, Ont. ..... Trinity

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT

1. Baltimore, Md. ..... All Saints'
2. Baltimore, Md. ..... Bethany
3. Baltimore, Md. ..... Holy Comforter
4. Baltimore, Md. ..... Luther Memorial
5. Baltimore, Md. ..... Salem
6. Baltimore, Md. ..... Zion
7. Brunswick, Md. ..... Parish
8. Charleston, S. C. ..... St. Barnabas
9. Charlotte, N. C. ..... Holy Trinity
10. Columbia, S. C. ..... Incarnation
11. Concord, N. C. ..... Calvary
12. Dallas, Texas ..... First
13. Easton, Md. ..... Grace
14. High Point, N. C. ..... Emmanuel
15. Lenoir, N. C. ..... St. Stephen's
16. Lexington, S. C. ..... St. James'
17. Linthicum Heights, Md. ..... St. John's
18. Lynchburg, Va. ..... Holy Trinity
19. Macon, Ga. ..... Redeemer
20. Mississippi Missions
21. Parkville, Md. ..... St. John's
22. Raleigh, N. C. ..... Holy Trinity
23. Ridge Spring, S. C. ..... Immanuel
24. Salem, Va. ..... College
25. Sands, N. C. ..... Mt. Pleasant
26. Saxa Gotha, N. C. ..... St. James'
27. Silver Run, Md. ..... St. Mark's
28. Sparrow's Point, Md. ..... St. John's
29. Statesville, N. C. ..... St. John's
30. Walkersville, Md. ..... Walkersville
31. Washington, D. C. ..... Columbia Heights
32. Washington, D. C. ..... Incarnation
33. Washington, D. C. ..... St. Mark's
34. Wheeling, W. Va. ..... Edgewood

WESTERN DISTRICT

1. Casper, Wyo. ..... Grace
2. Denver, Colo. ..... Messiah
3. Denver, Colo. ..... St. Paul's
4. El Paso, Texas ..... St. Paul's
5. Fresno, Calif. ..... St. Paul's
6. Glendale, Calif. ..... First
7. Huntington Park, Calif. ..... St. Luke's
8. Oakland, Calif. ..... St. Johannes
9. Portland, Ore. ..... Redeemer
10. Sacramento, Calif. ..... Temple
11. San Bernardino, Calif. ..... First
12. Seattle, Wash. ..... St. James'
13. Seattle, Wash. ..... St. Paul's
14. Seattle, Wash. ..... University
15. Tacoma, Wash. ..... Grace

Total, 206 ..... $ 130,148.67

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APPENDIX E
Loans Returned

EASTERN DISTRICT

1. Brooklyn, N. Y. ..... Advent
2. Brooklyn, N. Y. ..... Covenant
3. Homstead, Pa. ..... Zion
4. Brooklyn, N. Y. ..... Calvary
5. New York City ..... St. Thomas
6. Narberth, Pa. ..... Holy Trinity
7. Oswego, N. Y. ..... St. Matthew's
8. Reading, Pa. ..... St. Peter's
9. Ridgefield Park, N. J. ..... Christ
10. Scranton, Pa. ..... St. Paul's
11. Scranton, Pa. ..... Grace
12. South Ozone Park, N. Y. ..... Church of the Good Shepherd
13. Stony Creek Mills, Pa. ..... Christ
14. Philadelphia, Pa. ..... Luther Memorial
15. Philadelphia, Pa. ..... Our Saviour
16. Philadelphia, Pa. ..... Resurrection
17. Weehawken, N. J. ..... Good Shepherd
18. Wilmington, Del. ..... Holy Trinity

SOUTHERN DISTRICT

1. Brookside, N. C. ..... Mt. Pleasant
2. Charlotte, N. C. ..... Holy Trinity
3. Greenville, S. C. ..... First
4. Lenoir, N. C. ..... St. Stephen's
5. Spencer, N. C. ..... Calvary

CENTRAL DISTRICT

1. Appleton, Wis. ..... Trinity
2. Batesville, Ind. ..... Bethany
3. Chicago, Ill. ..... Advent
4. Chicago, Ill. ..... Austin
5. Chicago, Ill. ..... Marquette Manor
6. Chicago, Ill. ..... St. Stephen's
7. Chicago, Ill. ..... Tabor
8. Duluth, Minn. ..... St. John's
9. Evansville, Ind. ..... St. Mark's
10. Fargo, N. Dak. ..... St. Mark's
11. Gary, Ind. ..... Grace
12. Joliet, Ill. ..... St. John's
13. Neenah, Wis. ..... St. Paul's
14. Newark, Ohio ..... Holy Trinity
15. Norfolk, Neb. ..... St. Johannes
16. Omaha, Nebr. ..... Redeemer
17. Park Ridge, Ill. ..... St. Luke's
18. Pittsfield, Ill. ..... Pittsfield
19. Racine, Wis. ..... Atonement
20. Spring Brook, N. D. ..... St. James'
21. Waterloo, Iowa ..... St. Luke's

WESTERN DISTRICT

1. El Paso, Texas ..... St. Paul's
2. Fresno, Calif. ..... St. Paul's
3. Sanger, Calif. ..... Grace

Total, 48 ..... $ 58,586.50

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TREASURER'S REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

Receipts and Disbursements

For the Year ended July 31, 1923

Receipts:

Balance on hand, August 1st, 1922	$99,765.60	
United Lutheran Church, on apportionment, less amount transferred to Northwestern Board	359,440.83	
Returned loans, class "A"	31,831.50	
Bank interest	1,265.27	
Interest on investments and certificates of deposit	7,915.09	
Interest on class "A" loans	98.38	
Donations	44,484.01	
Annuity gifts	1,000.00	
Proceeds from sale of securities	250.00	
Rentals of land, etc.	105.40	
Sunday schools	5.00	
Ministerium of Pennsylvania, in trust	2,284.09	
		$548,445.17

Disbursements:

Donations to churches	$63,369.98	
Class "A" loans	143,135.59	
Salaries, Missionaries	237,346.76	
Salaries, Secretary and District Superintendents	16,632.75	
Salaries, Office	3,215.00	
Expenses, Missionaries	3,144.21	
Expenses, Secretary and District Superintendents	9,393.33	
Expenses, Officers and Board Members	4,607.28	
Printing and stationery	525.88	
Office supplies and expenses	237.23	
Office rental	736.00	
Telephone and Telegraph	54.03	
Postage and Express	40.16	
Light	35.58	
Legal auditing and system	1,760.21	
United Lutheran Church of America handbook	1,614.00	
General expenses	1,369.81	
Annuities paid	1,351.00	
Certificates of deposit purchased	500.00	
Office furniture and fixtures	1,594.25	
Balance on hand, July 31, 1923	57,782.12	
		$548,445.17

Respectfully submitted,

C. J. Driever, *Treasurer.*

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RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

For the Year ended July 31, 1924

Balance in Banks and in transit, July 31, 1923			$57,782.12
RECEIPTS:			
United Church on apportionment	$321,970.80		
Women's Missionary Society	34,818.37		
District Synods	5,984.54		
	$362,773.71		
Less amount transferred to Board of Northwest Missions	1,000.00		
Less amount returned to United Church Treasurer	62.50		
		$361,711.21	
Returned loans, class "A"		26,455.00	
Returned loans, class "B"		300.00	
Bank interest		2,201.73	
Interest on investments and certificates of deposit		9,223.01	
Rental from Properties		18.00	
Donations		13,673.77	
Annuity gifts		18,000.00	
Proceeds from sale of securities		36,286.50	
Certificates of deposit collected		102,000.00	
Total Receipts			$569,869.22
			$627,651.34
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Donations to churches		$44,807.04	
Loans to churches		140,000.00	
Salaries to Missionaries		227,805.74	
Salaries to Secretary, Treasurer and District Superintendents		20,567.19	
Salaries to Clerks, Stenographers, etc		1,490.00	
Expenses of Missionaries		5,276.07	
Expenses of Secretary, Treasurer and District Superintendents		8,655.04	
Expenses of Board Members and Other Officers		2,967.61	
Printing and Stationery		639.36	
Office supplies and expenses		202.78	
Office rent		2,100.00	
Telephone and Telegraph		92.79	
Legal and Auditing		516.00	
Publishing "Your Church at Work"		895.74	
General expenses		1,341.19	
Annuity interest paid		2,301.50	
Securities purchased		70,000.00	
Office fixtures and furniture		468.57	
Total Disbursements			$530,126.62
Balance in banks, July 31, 1924			$97,524.72

Respectfully submitted,

C. J. DRIEVER, *Treasurer.*

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PHILADELPHIA, September 12, 1924.

We have audited the accounts of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the United Lutheran Church in America for the two years ended July 31, 1924, and we certify that in our opinion the foregoing statements of Receipts and Disbursements for the years ended July 31, 1923, and July 31, 1924, are in accordance with the books of account and are correct.

LYBRAND, ROSS BROS. & MONTGOMERY,
Accountants and Auditors.

BALANCE SHEET—JULY 31, 1924

ASSETS

Cash in Banks:		
The Chicago Trust Co.	$ 66,875.12	
State Bank of Chicago	30,649.60	
		$ 97,524.72
Certificates of Deposits		14,000.00
Outstanding Loans to Churches, represented by Class "A" Notes and Mortgages		928,355.60
Securities at Par Value		176,450.00
Real Estate at Book Values		19,975.00
Building Lots and Unimproved Properties at Book Values		8,185.00
		$ 1,244,490.32
Notes and Mortgages Held in Trust for the Women's Missionary Society	121,463.05	
Properties Held in Trust for Various Congregations, Transferrable to the Board in the Event of the Dissolution of the Congregation	25,800.00	
	$ 147,263.05	

LIABILITIES

Due Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society		600.00
Excess of Assets Over Liabilities, Represented by the Following Accounts:		
Home Mission Treasury	28,368.20	
Church Extension Treasury	1,070,704.92	
Annuity Account	47,550.00	
Permanent Loan Account	121,071.14	
Endowment Fund Account	27,294.78	
General Fund Account	51,098.72	
		1,245,890.32
		$ 1,244,490.32

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We have examined the accounts of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the United Lutheran Church in America as at July 31, 1924, and certify that, in our opinion, the above balance sheet sets forth correctly the financial position of the Board at that date.

LYBRAND, ROSS BROS. & MONTGOMERY,
Accountants and Auditors.

Chicago, Illinois, August 21, 1924.

Dr. Seibert called attention to special items of the report and made appreciative mention of the services of Dr. H. H. Weber, who for so long served the Church in the capacity of Secretary of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, and of Dr. H. A. Ott, who was called to his eternal reward in March, 1923.

After Dr. Seibert's presentation the Revs. I. Chantry Hoffman, A. D. R. Hancher, G. H. Hillerman and J. S. Herold, District Superintendents, and the Rev. A. S. Hartman, Educational Secretary, addressed the Convention.

The Revs. S. G. Trexler and John Weidley led the Convention in prayer in behalf of the Home Mission work and those who are directing, and those actively engaged in, the work.

On motion to adopt the report of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, Mr. George E. Neff spoke, urging that the apportionment be paid in full and also that Church Extension loans be promptly repaid.

The Rev. J. C. Kunzmann presented briefly the needs on the Western Coast.

The motion was then put and carried and the report adopted.

Mr. Hemsing reported for the Tellers Committee that the second ballot for the Board of Publication resulted in no election.

The President directed the tellers to distribute ballots. Also the names of the two who received the highest number of votes were announced.

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The time for adjournment not having arrived, the second item in the order scheduled for the afternoon was taken up; namely, the report of the Board of Northwestern Missions. This report was presented by the Rev. G. A. Benze, Secretary of the Board.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF NORTHWESTERN MISSIONS

The Board of Northwestern Missions is to be "photographed" on these and the following pages. Let no one, however, imagine that it is to be dressed up especially for this occasion. Given a field so vast that its boundary lines are limited only by the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, a work so great that even a modest description sounds like vain boasting, and an opportunity so wonderful that it surpasses the fondest hopes and expectations of its promoters, the Board of Northwestern Missions does not have to employ artificial means and devices to make its report attractive, nor can it be satisfied with a half-hearted attention and consideration of its needs on the part of the Church and miserly, stingy allowances, such as have been handed out to it too often in the past.

What the Government of the United States has done in years gone by and what the Canadian Government is doing at the present time—inviting foreign immigration, especially from German and Scandinavian lands, offering such immigrants homesteads and a certain acreage of fertile land as well as giving them financial assistance for procuring livestock, farm implements, seeds and other necessities—that the Church must do for the Lutheran immigrants coming to our shores and to Canada. It must send them missionaries who can speak to them in their own tongue and gather them into the fold; it must render them financial assistance in establishing churches, schools and colleges, and take care of all their spiritual wants.

To neglect this most important work, to fail to provide the necessary men and means, and to make insufficient provision, is a very short-sighted policy and will be the cause of deep regret to the Church in coming years. If the Lutheran Church has lost thousands and tens of thousands of young people born and reared on American soil through its failure of commencing English home mission work amongst them at the psychological moment, it has lost many more through its neglect of the immigrant who was left to shift for himself and fell an easy prey either to diverse sects or to secret and other societies.

All this was probably unavoidable, as the Church was then in a formative stage, confronted with numerous problems pressing for solution, and as the necessary means were not always available. But with our present increased resources, we should be able to take care of the vast numbers coming from Lutheran lands and arriving on every steamer. One hundred

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thousand are coming from Germany, Russia, Austria and other States where German is spoken, from July to December of the present year, according to the official quota, and that is lower even than last year's or of the years before and since the war.

To give a faint idea of the opportunities awaiting our Lutheran Church if it avails itself of them, I may be permitted to cite just one instance of a German Lutheran Church in Greater New York, which added to its communicant list more than three hundred Lutheran immigrants in one year, *i. e.*, from April, 1923, to April, 1924. What would have become of them and where would they be if that Lutheran congregation had not taken care of them?

In the Board of Northwestern Missions the Church has just the machinery it needs for this work, and through its efforts great things have been accomplished, and in the face of conditions, circumstances and obstacles that seemed at times almost insurmountable. Is it any wonder then that those hitherto charged with this work and representing the Synods most concerned and also the sentiment of those Synods—men of high standing in their own community and of ripe experience—have been averse to the attempts that are being made to dissolve the Board that has forty years of a most successful history to its credit, and to turn the work over to a Board such as is planned by the Merger Committee (whose report will engage the attention of this Convention), where a sub-committee of two or three members is expected to accomplish the same or get even better results than the twenty-one members of the present Board, especially when they are assured that by such an arrangement the overhead charges will not be reduced but greatly advanced?

At the last meeting of the Board of Northwestern Missions on May 14, 1924, the following resolutions were passed (Sec. 21a):

"That the Board of Northwestern Missions is still of the same opinion as expressed last year, viz., that it believes that the German Mission interests can best be conserved and developed by a continuance of the Board of Northwestern Missions.

"That it can take action on the newly submitted plan only after it has been carefully considered and also submitted to the different District Synods affected by it."

At the Washington Convention of the United Lutheran Church, the mission work of the German Nebraska Synod, the Wartburg Synod, and the Canada Synod was transferred to the Board of Northwestern Missions. Through an oversight, however, no appropriation whatsoever was made to enable the Board to do this extra work, which required an annual expenditure of about $18,000. For two whole years the Board carried this heavy burden, hoping that at the next convention to be held at Buffalo, this matter would be investigated, the Board reimbursed to this amount, and the needed appropriation made. But the Convention came and passed

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into history without taking any action in the matter. And what is the result? Not only has the Board of Northwestern Missions spent all the surplus it brought to the United Lutheran Church from the General Council, amounting to about $15,000, but it had to make one appeal after another to our German Lutheran Churches for special donations, had to borrow thousands and thousands of dollars from the bank, paying a high rate of interest, retrench on all sides and cutting down its expenses in such a way that the work is suffering greatly and many requests for commencing new work have to be turned down.

If this state of affairs continues much longer the Board may find it necessary to reduce all salaries of missionaries, small and meagre as these salaries are, by twenty per cent or even more. That, however, would not only be a great injustice and be accompanied with untold suffering, but would be ruinous and disastrous in its ultimate results.

In its report two years ago, the Board has given the Church a detailed account of its activities, the names of all parishes on the territory of each Synod, and a statistical survey of the communicant membership of all these parishes, together with the number of Sunday schools and church societies. Instead of repeating and reprinting these figures, we will confine ourselves this time to the reports of the Superintendents of Missions, of which there are three, and to the reports of the Synodical Mission Committees in those Synods, which so far have no superintendent. Before we give them a hearing, however, we would like to say a word about the man who stands at the head of all the active mission workers and who is the personal representative of the Board of Northwestern Missions before the Synod, on whose territory we labor and before the Church at large, our General Secretary, the Rev. P. Ludwig. He visits the Canada, Manitoba, Wartburg and German Nebraska Synods annually, at the time of their meetings, when he consults with the Synodical Mission Committees about the work on their respective fields, and arranges with them the budget for the coming year. As a rule, he also visits at that time the individual missions and missionaries, so that he is personally acquainted with almost all the missions and missionaries under our Board. This enables him to give useful information to the Board at its meetings. Before the Church in general he represents the Board by visiting and addressing as many other Synods, Conferences and congregations as he possibly can, and by writing occasionally for *The Lutheran* and *Lutherischer Herold,* and regularly for our mission monthly, *Siloah.* He also conducts a good deal of missionary correspondence, issues all general letters and special appeals of the Board, and has charge of the statistical matters. In the performance of his duties he is often away from home and family, sometimes for weeks and months, and has traveled about thirty thousand miles during the past biennium.

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Condensed Summary

In the Manitoba Synod, with its three conferences named after the three provinces, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, the Board has thirty mission congregations served by twenty pastors.

In the Canada Synod we have twenty-three mission congregations served by twelve pastors.

In the German Nebraska Synod there are twenty-six mission congregations served by twenty pastors.

In the Wartburg Synod we have fifteen mission congregations and a number of preaching places served by fifteen pastors.

In the Texas Synod we have nine mission congregations with a number of preaching places served by five pastors.

In the Pacific Synod we have three mission congregations served by three pastors.

Grand Total: 106 mission congregations with a number of preaching places. 75 pastors.

Mission Work in the Manitoba Synod

By Rev. H. Becker, Superintendent of Missions

The territory of the Manitoba Synod is no longer an unknown district to the members of the United Lutheran Church. Much has been said and written about Western Canada, its immense areas, its richness in fertile soil, its hidden treasures in minerals, its great dormant possibilities; very little, however, about the drawbacks of this country, its long winters, its often inclement weather, and the many hardships that confront the settler. This is only natural; but it is absolutely necessary to consider both sides equally well in order to get the right impression of the work our Church is doing there.

Though Western Canada made splendid progress during the first years of this century, it almost came to a stand-still during the last few years. Lately, however, the signs are increasing that a new period of prosperity is ahead of us. This has been noticeable in all our mission work. Hardly any new fields could be opened up, and of the thirty-three congregations and preaching stations that were taken care of by the Northwestern Mission Board in 1922, only one parochial district, that of Rosthern-Bergheim in Saskatchewan, has become self-supporting.

But we have no reason to complain. Through the grace of God our work is not going backwards, but slowly and steadily progressing. Though we are unable to boast of great numerical increases, our congregations are gaining, if not from outside then from within. And as far as the outside growth is concerned, there is very good prospect that this will come in the near future. Great numbers of immigrants, amongst them many Lutherans, are starting to come into this country. A Lutheran Immigration Board has been formed by members of the different Lutheran

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Synods working here, and from its activities great results are expected.

Saskatoon College and Seminary reports a very successful year. It obtained its highest number of students since its foundation, that is, forty-seven. The Parliament of the Province of Saskatchewan, at the suggestion of and in agreement with the City of Saskatoon, has granted it exemption from taxation. If only the financial situation of our institution, that is causing us some alarm, could be improved!

According to a notice we read in a Winnipeg paper, the Manitoba Synod is ready to spend $175,000 on a proposed college in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. Comparisons are odious; but would it not be possible for the United Lutheran Church to give us the $50,000 promised us at Washington, of which we have received so far a little more than half of the total amount?

Here is an opportunity for a well-to-do Lutheran layman in the United Lutheran Church to invest his money in such a way that it will be an everlasting credit to himself and firmly establish the Church we love so dearly in this part of the Western Hemisphere.

Mission Work in the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Canada, in Ontario and Quebec

By Rev. G. Brackebusch, Secretary, Canada Mission Committee

The Canada Synod has always been very active in all kinds of missionary enterprises, as is best shown by the fact that up to the time of the Washington Convention of the United Lutheran Church all mission work in its territory was carried on by the Synod itself, without any help from the General Council, to which it formerly belonged, or the United Lutheran Church, with which it has been affiliated from the time of the merger.

Though the individual congregations were not very large, the parishes were in some instances exceedingly so and spread over a wide area, making it necessary for the missionaries to travel great distances in all sorts of conveyances and in all kinds of weather, spending days and nights in the saddle or the buckboard, sleeping in shacks, barns, district school houses, and what not.

These men were so poorly paid that they could not leave their field in Canada even if they wanted to, and they shared all the privations of their poor parishioners, mostly immigrants, who cleared the land, cut roads through the forests and swamps, and wrung a bare living from the newly broken soil for themselves and their families. Though conditions have changed a good deal in the last ten or twenty years, and for the better in many ways, it must not be forgotten that prices have gone up, too. If the Board of Northwestern Missions wants to keep step with the progress Canada is making, it must send men into the field, whenever there is a vacancy, who are able to preach both in the German and English

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languages, must enable them financially to meet the high cost of living, and must divide the work that was formerly carried on by one man, between two or even three.

Canada is making great strides forward and we must not lag behind, especially in the face of the great number of German immigrants pouring into that country.

Report of Mission Work in the German Nebraska Synod

Rev. G. K. Wiencke, Superintendent of Missions

Missions Already Organized:

There were under my supervision during the biennium, sixteen mission parishes with twenty-two congregations and four preaching points, served in all by seventeen pastors, who often labored under greatest difficulties and in a self-sacrificing spirit. The mission congregation Salem, at Stillwater, Okla., lost their church building by fire. A new church was erected last year. September, 1923, Christus congregation at Salem, South Dakota, dedicated a new parsonage, valued at $5000. The small mission deserves great credit for completing this building. They refused the offer made by the Board of Northwestern Missions to pay the interest on the money still owed, in order to save the Board this expense. St. John's Mission at Lipscomb, Texas, remodeled their parsonage at a cost of $1100. The mission work in Valley County, Montana, begun in 1922, has made good progress. Our missionary, Rev. Mr. Urban, has been stationed at Larslan, Montana, from where he serves four mission points, namely, Herman, Grain, Avondale and Westfork. He serves, at present, twenty-five Lutheran families on widely scattered homesteads.

New Work:

Five new congregations were received, namely, Zion, at Wakeeney, Kan., March, 1923, with 203 communicants, 397 baptized members; Grace Lutheran Church, at Bird City, Kan., organized August, 1923, with 14 members. This congregation subscribed $1200 toward the pastor's salary. When Rev. Mr. Diekhoff took charge of this field, the congregation paid him half of his annual salary in advance and rented a parsonage. East La Junta, Colo., a preaching point under the care of Rev. Juttner, our missionary at Rocky Ford, Colo., was organized by him in September, 1923, as St. Paulus Congregation, with 43 communicant and 99 baptized members. Immanuel's, at Hoisington, Kan., organized March, 1924, with 25 members. This mission has bought a church building which is to be remodeled, valued at $3000. A minister has been called. St. Paulus, at McDonald, Kan., organized May, 1924. This new field has been affiliated with our congregation at Bird City, Kan.

During the biennium, I made 185 trips to the widely scattered mission

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points of the German Nebraska Synod, conducting divine services, presiding at congregational meetings, and collected $518.25 for mission purposes.

Mission Work of the Wartburg Synod

Rev. O. Doering, Missionary Superintendent

The mission work of this Synod on the home-field has made good and substantial progress. For another period of two years the good Lord has permitted us to sow the Word and see some fruits ripen unto the harvest.

A good deal of the work done by the missionaries of this Synod is bilingual. The missions are to be found in the States of Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin and Michigan; another mission at Cullman, in the State of Alabama, was transferred to the Georgia Synod. There are now in this field nine ordained mission pastors, with the Missionary Superintendent, Rev. Otto Doering, and two licensed candidates taking care of twelve mission parishes, with a total membership of about 2,000. Of these missions, seven are located in the city of Chicago, or in suburbs. This city, with its teeming population, will remain for years to come the center of our activities. Within the last few years many new additions and subdivisions have been made and opened up great opportunities for the primary efforts of every Synod doing Home Mission work.

Another field of great promise, that recently has been taken over, is to be found in the Iron Ridge territory of Northwestern Michigan. At this writing there are two parishes served by our missionaries with marked success. By the bilingual work of our missionaries under the Lord's providence, a door of great opportunity has been opened for the United Lutheran Church. Oh, that we could give to these fields the best of men and liberal support! Blessed results would then be seen before long. We find many Lutheran people here in these great mining and milling towns, who must be gathered into the Church. St. Paul's, at Guttenberg, Iowa, erected and dedicated a beautiful church edifice and entertained the Synod before the congregation had attained the second anniversary of its existence. Frieden's church at Chicago also built and dedicated a new church and parish house at a cost of $23,500. St. Paul's, at Chicago, acquired by purchase from another Lutheran church a very fine property consisting of a church and a parsonage. Wartburg Church, at Berwyn, remodeled and enlarged its chapel and greatly enhanced its usefulness. Two other missions are making plans for building operations. Frieden's Church as Chester and Tabor Church at Chicago were permitted to cancel their debts. The membership gain in these missions for the period of two years amounts to over 600 souls.

The Synodical Home Mission Board as well as the missionaries were greatly encouraged in their efforts by the sympathetic attitude shown by the Northwestern Mission Board and its generous financial support, as well as by the greatly needed aid toward church building operations liberally and promptly rendered by the Board of Home Missions and Church Exten-

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sion. The annual budget of the Synodical Mission Board calls for over $10,000.00.

Home Mission work in the German and English tongues, as carried on by this synod, has the promise of great success, providing it receives the proper support. The United Lutheran Church must not neglect the Middle West.

Mission Work in the Texas Synod

By Rev. E. A. Sievert, President of Synod

The mission work on the territory of the Evangelical Lutheran Texas Synod of the United Lutheran Church in America, carried on with the aid of the Board of Northwestern Missions, returned satisfactory results during the last biennium.

Noticeable progress was made in the local development of the established mission congregations. This consists in increased membership, increased local financial support, and property development.

Territorial expansion could not be undertaken though opportunities were many, because of the lack of funds and the difficulty to secure suitable men. Even vacancies could not be filled at all times, which reduced our force from five to two missionaries for nearly one whole year. Fortunately, no loss of established work had to be recorded, thanks to the readiness of the pastors of synod to supply in the vacant charges whenever possible, and to the people's patience.

Trinity Lutheran Church, Miles, Texas, owns a church and parsonage, debt free. It has 95 baptized and 86 communicant members. It has voted to raise $800 of the pastor's salary this year.

Church of Peace, Vernon, Texas, owns a church and parsonage with some encumbrance. It has 71 baptized and 39 communicant members, and has resolved to raise $600 toward the pastor's salary this year.

St. John's, Goliad, Texas, owns a church free of debt, and offers parsonage if pastor will dwell there. It has 167 baptized and 103 confirmed members. St. John's, together with Emmanuel, Inez, Texas, with 45 baptized and 31 confirmed members, and First Lutheran, Tivoli, Texas, with 53 baptized and 25 confirmed members, have asked for $100 less support from the Board of Northwestern Missions for this year.

St. Paul's, George West, Texas, organized 1922, has erected a neat chapel with the aid of the Synodical Educational and Missionary Fund, dedicated June 29, 1924. It numbers 25 baptized and but 10 confirmed members.

In Alice moneys are being collected at this writing for the building of a church, about $300 having already been received.

From Mission, Texas, has come a request, addressed to the Mission Committee of the Synod, signed by six parties, asking for service from the Texas Synod.

We have been able to collect but 500 baptized and about 350 confirmed

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members in this vast field thus far. It is largely rural work, with new settlements opening up on all hands. It is therefore largely follow-up work of the present generation, and, to a large extent, the gathering in of the churchless. Mission work, pure and simple.

Respectfully submitted,
E. C. J. KRAELING, *President.*

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF NORTHWESTERN MISSIONS

BALANCE SHEET, JULY 31, 1924

ASSETS

Cash: in banks and on hand		$9,006.92
Loans to congregations and to Saskatoon College, as annexed		18,234.33
Building Lot, Harriman, Tenn.		180.00
		$27,421.25

LIABILITIES

Loans from Bank		$7,000.00

FUNDS

Mission Fund	$13,072.71	
Saskatoon College Campaign Fund	40.75	
Annuity Fund	200.00	
Church Building Fund	8,596.54	
	$21,910.00	
Less Siloah Fund Deficit	1,488.75	
		$20,421.25
		$27,421.25

H. D. E. SIEBOTT,
Treasurer.

Philadelphia, September 12, 1924.

We have audited the accounts of the Board of Northwestern Missions of the United Lutheran Church in America for the two years ended July 31, 1924, and we certify that in our opinion the foregoing Balance Sheet, July 31, 1924, Cash Receipts and Disbursements, Loans to Congregations, etc., are in accordance with the books of account and are correct.

LYBRAND, ROSS. BROS. & MONTGOMERY,
Accountants and Auditors.

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CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

for the Year ended 31st July, 1923

RECEIPTS

	Missions Fund	Church Building Fund	Siloah Fund	Annuity Fund
United Church, on apportionment	$32,134.84			
United Church, Specials	4,610.89			
United, General and Branch Synods	231.85			
Bd. of Home M. & Ch. Ext. for Wartburg and Nebr. Missions	12,000.00			
Bd. of Educ. for Sask. Coll. Camp. Fund	10,574.00			
Exec. Bd., Loan for Sask. Coll.	5,000.00			
Donations:				
For Saskatoon College $14.50				
For Waterloo College 12.50				
General 30.00	57.00			
Repayment of Loans:				
Church Bldg. Fund 5,079.13				
Missionaries 160.00	5,239.13			
Mortgages and Notes Receivable		$920.00		
Interest on Mortgages and Notes.		136.67		
Subscriptions for Siloah			$266.24	
Bank Interest	49.39			
Annuity				$200.00
Miscellaneous Receipts	178.45			
	$70,075.55	$1,056.67	$266.24	$200.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries of Missionaries	$27,192.13
Salaries of Dis. Superintendents.	4,400.00
Salary of General Secretary	2,200.00
Expenses of Miss. in the Field	298.55
Expenses of Missionaries Moving.	476.50
Expenses of District Supts.	251.31
Expenses of General Secretary	561.02
Expenses of Officers and Board Members	1.264.71
Manitoba Syn. for Coll. Prof.	3,666.67
Aid to Students preparing for Mission Field	2,630.00
Special Donations forwarded	25.00
Legal and Auditing Expense	227.62
Printing and Stationery	100.00
Interest: On Mission Church Mortgages $708.00	

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		Missions Fund	Church Building Fund	Siloah Fund	Annuity Fund
On Bank Loans.....	285.25	993.25			
Bank Charges, Exchanges, etc....		43.96			
Printing and Mailing Siloah.....				$762.00	
Editorial and Office Expenses....				15.68	
Loan to Missionary.....		100.00			
Mission Handbook		221.25			
Saskatoon Coll. Cam. Funds fwd.		21,205,25			
Refund of Loan, Mission Fund...			$5,079.13		
		$65,857.22	$5,079.13	$777.68	
Excess of Receipts, July 31, 1923..		$4,218.33			$200.00
Deficiency of Receipts, July 31, 1923			$4,022.46	$511.44	
Balances, July 31, 1922.....		3,097.78	3,980.63		
Deficits, July 31, 1922.....				644.31	
Balances, July 31, 1923.....		7,316.11			200.00
Deficits, July 31, 1923.....			41.83	1,155.75	

CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

for the Year ended 31st July, 1924

Receipts

		Missions Fund	Church Building Fund	Siloah Fund	Annuity Fund
United Church, on apportionment		$38,125.60			
Women's Missionary Society.....		1,812.50			
United, General and Branch Synods		4,800.89			
Executive Board, Sotter Trust Income		545.50			
Donations:					
For Saskatoon Col..	$2.50				
For Rev. C. W. Sterzer Fire Loss	1,017.95				
General	299.75	1,320.20		$10.00	
Collections of Mortgages and Notes Receivable			$1,170.67		
Interest on Mortgages.....			132.50		
Subscriptions for Siloah.....				429.50	
Bank Interest		64.61			
		$46,669.30	$1,303.17	$439.50	

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DISBURSEMENTS

	Missions Fund	Church Building Fund	Siloah Fund	Annuity Fund
Salaries of Missionaries	$24,282.10			
Salaries of District Supt.	4,400.00			
Salary of General Secretary	2,600.00			
Expenses of Miss. in the Field	149.00			
Expenses of Mssionaries Moving.	245.00			
Expenses of District Supt.	284.97			
Expenses of General Secretary	250.97			
Expenses of Officers and Board Members	1,693.70			
Manitoba Synod for Coll. Prof.	3,666.67			
Aid to Students preparing for Mission Field	2,840.00			
Special Donations forwarded	2,551.20			
Legal and Auditing Expense	200.00			
Printing and Stationery	159.04			
Special Appropr. for Rev. Sterzer's Fire Loss	200.00			
Interest on Mission Church Mortgages $922.00				
Interest on Bank Loans 428.17				
Int. on Annuity Bond 10.00				
	1,360.17			
Bank Charges, Exchange, etc.	68.26			
Printing and Mailing Siloah			$745.00	
Editorial and Office Expense			2.50	
Agent's Commission			25.00	
	$44,951.08		$772.50	
Excess of Receipts, July 31, 1924.	$1,718.22	$1,303.17		
Deficiency of Receipts, July 31, 1924			$333.00	
Balances, July 31, 1923	7,316.11			$200.00
Deficits, July 31, 1923		41.83	1,155.75	
Balances, July 31, 1924	9,034.33	1,261.34		200.00
Deficits, July 31, 1924			1,488.75	

LOANS TO CONGREGATIONS, Etc., July 31, 1924

Trinity, Saskatoon, Mortgage	$2,700.00	
Paid on account Jan. 29, 1924	100.00	
Balance		$2,600.00
Trinity, Strathcona, two notes:		
$1,000 due Nov. 15, 1916	$1,000.00	
Paid on account	416.67	
	583.33	
Ten installment notes, due annually Apr. 1st, four paid, six left, one overdue, balance	1,200.00	
		$1,783.33

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St. Johns, Edmonton, Mortgage.....			$1,500.00
St. Johns, Harts Hill: two installment notes, due annually on Jan. 2d.....		200.00	
Paid on account, Jan. 23, 1923.....	$70.00		
Paid on account, Jan. 29, 1924.....	100.00	170.00	
Balance			30.00
Gartenland, Esk.: two notes:			
$200 due Nov. 24, 1924			
Paid on account, Dec. 28, 1915....	$75.00		
Balance		$125.00	
Paid on acc., Sept. 30, 1923.....	25.00		
Paid on acc., Nov. 27, 1923.....	54.00	79.00	
Balance		46.00	
$100 due March 25, 1916.....		100.00	
			$146.00
Friedens, Kindersley, Cornfield, one note:			
$100 due Apr. 24, 1917, paid on acc. Apr. 30, 1918		$25.00	
Balance			$75.00
St. Paul's, Friedensfeld:			
Ten installment notes of $50 each, due annually on July 1st, four paid, six left, one overdue, balance			300.00
Brightholme, Sask.:			
Ten installment notes of $50 each due annually on Sept. 1st, one paid, three overdue, balance..			450.00
Golden Bay, Man.:			
Ten installment notes of $100 each, due annually on July 1st, one paid, three ovrdue, bal			900.00
Saskatoon College, two notes:			
$1,000 due March 22, 1916, paid on acc. Apr. 3, 1918		300.00	
Paid on acc. July 14, 1919.....		225.00	
Balance			475.00
$6,000 dated July 15, 1920, term indefinite.....			6,000.00
Mont Clare, Chicago:			
Ten installment notes of $200 each, payable annually on Sept. 6th, two paid, eight left, bal.		1,600.00	
Ten installment notes of $100 each, payable annually on Oct. 24th, two paid, eight left, bal.		800.00	2,400.00
Rosenthal, Leduc:			
Note, dated Jan. 1, 1922, payable two years after date, overdue			75.00
Immanuel, Lodge Pole, Nebr.:			
Ten installment notes of $150 each, due annually on March 15th, first one due March 15, 1925			1,500.00
			$18,234.33

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The Convention then heard the Rev. Paul Ludwig, General Secretary of the Board, the Rev. Otto Doering, Missionary Superintendent of the Wartburg Synod, and the Rev. O. C. D. Klaehn.

The report of the Board was adopted.

Mr. Hemsing reported for the Tellers Committee the result of the third ballot for

Board of Publication

Votes cast, 370; necessary to election, 186. Mr. G. E. Schlegelmilch received the majority of the votes cast and was thereupon declared duly elected a member of the Board of Publication.

A motion that the Convention reconvene at 1:30 instead of 2:00 o'clock this afternoon, as previously determined, was adopted by common consent.

The Rev. W. J. Finck led in prayer and the Convention adjourned.

Afternoon Session

Saturday, October 25, 1:30 P. M.

The President called the Convention to order.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Simon Snyder.

The Chairman of the Committee of Reference and Counsel submitted the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Executive Board be instructed to consider and define the relation between the work of the Laymen's Movement and the Lutheran Brotherhood to the end of avoiding duplication of effort and removing uncertainty as to the field and function of each; and for the purpose of making possible the co-operation of all of the laity of the United Lutheran Church in the Stewardship and Canvass program.

The Chairman of the Committee read a petition received from the Synod of Nebraska as follows:

WHEREAS, We believe that giving to the Church would be more liberal and less burdensome if efficient methods were adopted:

"Be it resolved, That the United Lutheran Church in America be petitioned to refer the whole matter of Church finance to a special committee or to the Laymen's Missionary Movement Committee for the purpose of

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working out and putting into practice an ideal system of raising and handling the moneys of the Church, to which end we make the following specific suggestions

"1. That a standard, authorized system or form of congregational finance be devised and put into print, and that the published form be then distributed among the congregations.

"2. That, as soon as the above system or form is ready for exploitation, all the field secretaries of the various Boards and all other employees of the General Church (in so far as practicable) be put under the jurisdiction and direction of the said special committee or Laymen's Missionary Movement Committee to propagate and organize the standard, authorized financial system in each congregation of the United Lutheran Church in America, it being understood that all the promotional efforts and expenditures of the United Lutheran Church in America for a sufficient period shall be diverted from other causes and concentrated upon the effort to put the finances of the United Lutheran Church in America upon a rational, ethical, efficient (in short, a Scriptural) basis.

"Respectfully,

"K. DE FREESE, *Chairman.*"

In connection with the foregoing petition the Chairman of the Committee moved the following recommendation in regard thereto:

After consideration of this petition, it was resolved to recommend to the Convention that this petition be transmitted through the Executive Board to the Executive Committee of the Laymen's Movement, with the request that they give consideration to the matter of working out a standard system of congregational finance, and such forms for record keeping, receipting and accounting as would be desirable in connection with the use of the suggested system.

The recommendation of the Committee was adopted.

The Chairman moved the following additional resolution for the Committee:

Resolved, That the request for the concentration of all promotional efforts and expenditures upon this one matter for a stated period be referred to the Executive Board, with the suggestion that action in this direction may be possible in connection with the observance of Stewardship Month in November of each year.

The resolution was adopted.

The Chairman moved, on behalf of the Committee, that

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speeches in favor of a place for the 1926 Convention be limited to five minutes for each place. Motion adopted.

The Chairman also moved that the report of the Committee on the proposed commission to study the educational problem be set as a special order immediately following the report of the Board of Education. Motion adopted.

By special permission the Rev. F. Scarpitti, Superintendent of the Italian Department of the Immigrants' Mission Board, addressed the Convention at this time.

The Rev. H. W. A. Hanson presented the report of the West Indies Mission Board.

REPORT OF THE WEST INDIES MISSION BOARD

As a matter of conscience, the West Indies Mission Board places at the beginning of its report an emphatic contradiction of the impression that seems to be current in the Church that a merger of its work with the other Home Mission Agencies will result in a more economic administration of the field assigned this Board. We know that not only the cost of administration but the expenses on the field will be increased rather than diminished by the proposed merger. We have reason to think that this will be true also of some of the other Boards affected by the reorganization.

The West Indies Mission Board, however, gladly co-operated in the discussions concerning the reorganization of home mission work, and if the Church believes that there will be an economy of men and money in other departments, sufficient to compensate for the increased expense in administering the work now being done by the West Indies Mission Board. we stand ready to do our part in making such reorganization a success. But we would not be true either to ourserves or to our workers if we permitted to pass uncontradicted the statement that the merger would save the Church men or money as far as the West Indies Mission Board is concerned.

We also record our conviction that the proposed reorganization will not remove the dissatisfaction in the Church which has been expressed in this demand for a merger unless the vital point raised by the Foreign Mission Board and the West Indies Mission Board at Buffalo be first given due consideration.

The importance of a clear definition of the spheres of the various agencies of the United Lutheran Church is evident in the present close

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intermingling and frequent duplication of activities whereby some Boards are doing work which fundamentally belongs to the sphere of another. We firmly believe that no satisfactory co-ordination of the varied interests of the United Lutheran Church can be secured unless the Foreign Mission Board, the Inner Mission Board, the Deaconess Board and the Board of Education are called into conference with the Boards now participating in the present movement.

Increased Support. We have been greatly encouraged by the increased support which the Church has given the work assigned our Board. This was very noticeable in the special gifts from congregations and individuals and in the liberal grants from the Women's Missionary Society. This money has made possible the purchase of property, the erection of a greatly needed church building, and the sending out of additional missionaries to relieve the overburdend workers of our undermanned field. If this extra support had not been received, it would have been impossible to hold certain important fields for our church.

We regret that matters over which we had no control and against which no protection can be secured, prevented us commencing work in Santo Domingo, Cuba and Mexico. During the past biennium over half our American missionaries returned to the States because of illness. As a result, their unexpected traveling and moving expenses as well as the additional expense of sending new workers to the field went far beyond the amount budgeted for this purpose, and consumed the funds which otherwise would have been available for new work. We rejoice, however, that our prayers for laborers were answered so that we can report more workers sent to the field in the last eight months than in the previous eight years.

Expansion

Santo Domingo and Cuba. Because of the deplorable economic conditions in the Virgin Islands many natives have sought employment in Santo Domingo and Cuba. These people, cut off from their church, have for years been petitioning our congregations in Porto Rico and the Virgin Islands to send them pastors. It is unnecessary to state that the religious condition of these two islands is more deplorable even than in most Roman Catholic countries. In large sections the Roman Church makes no attempt, even in its superficial way, to reach the people. It is our earnest hope that the income during the next two years will permit us to enter these fields.

Mexico. After the turmoil of the past years, a stable government seems to be forming in this republic, and while the last constitution is revolutionary in many respects, especially in its relation to the church, it, nevertheless, opens an opportunity for Protestant work that has seldom been equaled in this Western world. The large German colonies being formed in this country also add emphasis to the obligation of our

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Church to establish missions in Mexico. Some of our pastors along the Texas border have attempted to do something for the people and have made earnest pleas that the church enter this promising field.

Spain. Our Lutheran Church in Porto Rico has been for years in touch with the Evangelical Church in Spain, hoping from that source to secure literature for our Spanish people. But since practically nothing was available, our contact with the church in Spain gradually lessened until in the early part of 1923, when a representative from Spain came to Porto Rico appealing for assistance. Reports from our missionaries led to correspondence with Pastor Fliedner, and after consultation with the National Lutheran Council and the United Church officers, arrangements were made to send Dr. Ostrom to Spain to investigate the situation with the hope that by assisting the work there we might, through such co-operation, secure men for our Spanish work in the West Indies. The illness and death of Mrs. Ostrom on the eve of Dr. Ostrom's departure for Spain prevented the immediate execution of this plan, but arrangements have been made for Dr. Ostrom to go to Spain the first of the year, and it is our sincere belief that the co-operation that may result will be as helpful to the Church in Spain as it will be to our Church in Porto Rico and the Spanish fields under our jurisdiction.

The American Negro. The interest of our Board in work among this group which numbers one-eighth of the American population, and of which more than one-half are untouched by the Christian Church, is such that we have been prepared to co-operate with synods which desired to carry out the resolution of the United Lutheran Church at Buffalo. In one instance, namely, the work in Charleston, S. C., active steps have been taken looking toward the establishment of a mission among American colored people, and the enterprise was placed upon our budget and submitted to the Finance Committee of the Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church. However in conformity with the resolution of the United Lutheran Church our Board resolved to co-operate in this work only on the following basis:

"Be It Resolved, That hereafter when any work is undertaken within the bounds of a constituent synod of the United Lutheran Church in which the West Indies Mission Board is expected to co-operate

"a. It shall have the official approval of the proper synodical authorities.

"b. It shall continue under the jurisdiction of the synod in whose boundaries it is located.

"c. It shall be supervised by the West Indies Mission Board only in such matters as require the specialized knowledge of the Board and its representatives, the West Indies Mission Board co-operating also in all other matters necessary for co-ordination of the work with similar work in other synods.

"d. It shall be supported by the West Indies Mission Board only from

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such funds as may be placed in its budget for this special purpose and so approved by the United Lutheran Church."

We would recommend that the United Lutheran Church approve of this, especially in view of the fact that it is in harmony with the plans proposed for the reorganization of the Home Mission work in America.

The Common Service Book and Hymnal in Spanish

For many years our missionaries have been hampered by the lack of a Spanish hymnal and service book, as well as literature which the missionaries could use with a clear conscience in our Spanish Lutheran Churches. Much work has been done by the men on the field and the various services have been translated and furnished in typewritten form for our American ministers, but the growth of the field demands a printed book. With over two thousand Spanish people regularly attending our church services, it is unwise to continue the use of interdenominational literature, and under instructions from the Board, Dr. Ostrom has given much time to the careful compilation of hymns and a complete translation of the Common Service Book. When the final report came to the Board, revealing such remarkable painstaking attention to every detail, giving a translation which under ordinary circumstances would not have been produced until after several revised editions had gone to press, the book was deemed so valuable by the Board that it was felt it should be given to the Church for official publication. Therefore, the entire matter has been referred to the Committee on Common Service Book with the request that a church book be prepared and issued for our Spanish speaking Lutherans, offering this Committee the free use of the results of the months of labor given the subject by Dr. Ostrom, with the assurance of our hearty co-operation in securing the early publication of the Common Service Book and Hymnal in Spanish.

We present a brief summary of the work done by the Board in the past biennium commencing with the field in

Porto Rico

Our Mission celebrated this year the twenty-fifth anniversary of the beginning of the Lutheran Church in Porto Rico. While the work often presents a discouragingly slow growth, nevertheless, a review of the quarter century just past, in which, starting with nothing, we have come to a point where we have a goodly number of congregations and excellent church buildings and active orgnizations occupying the Porto Rican field, we believe the Church has every reason to feel encouraged. The last two years have been exceptionally trying because of illness among our American missionaries. The Rev. Dr. Knoll shortly after arriving

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on the field was taken seriously ill so that, accompanied by his wife, he returned to the States for an operation. For ten months he was utterly incapacitated and at the end of that time, feeling it would be unwise to go back to the tropics in his weakened condition he resigned to accept a call as Superintendent of Missions in the New York Ministerium. The Rev. Mr. Lindke was taken ill with a tropical disease and compelled to come to the States, where he spent several months recovering his health, returning to the field because of the great need when there was every inducement to accept a call and remain in the States.

The Rev. Gustav K. Huf, a graduate of Mt. Airy Seminary this year, and his wife, who studied at the Baltimore Motherhouse, accepted a call to fill the vacancy caused by Dr. Knoll's resignation. The Rev. J. C. Pedersen has been transferred from the Virgin Islands to Porto Rico because of his wide missionary experience and knowledge of Spanish.

I. *San Juan District.* In this section the first Lutheran work was established twenty-five years ago. The Rev. Dr. Alfred Ostrom is in charge. This year, his wife, who had labored with him for nineteen years, was called to her eternal reward. Although she was aware some time ago when operated upon for cancer that she could not live long, she preferred to spend her remaining years among the people for whom she had given so much of her life. Only at the last when the physicians knew the time was short did she return to the States, and then too late to reach her people, dying in the Lutheran Hospital in New York on April 11th. For such self-sacrifice and devotion there could be no more fitting tribute than the words of the Holy Scriptures: "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth; yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."

This district covers the capital city of San Juan and its suburbs and because of its importance has hitherto had the larger staff of workers. Here Dr. Ostrom and his faithful wife labored during the past two years; Miss Sofia Probst was in charge of the educational work, assisted by Miss Cataline Zambrana. The Rev. J. C. Pedersen is also located in this section in charge of the English congregation and assisting in the Spanish work. Native helpers are Mr. Demetrio Texidor and Mr. Sergio Cobian, and his wife, who has had charge of the industrial classes. The principal center is Puerta de Tierra with its beautiful church property where two congregations worship—San Pablo's Spanish Lutheran Church, and the only English Lutheran Church in Porto Rico. The other stations are the preaching points and Sunday schools at Gandul, in old San Juan and La Perla, and the new station at Monte Flores.

II. *Cataño District.* During the greater part of the biennium this district has been supplied by the pastors from the neighboring districts on account of the illness of Dr. Knoll. The vacancy has now been filled by the arrival of the Rev. Gustav K. Huf. In spite of handicaps the work has made progress under the direction of the native helper, Mr.

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Salustiano Hernandez, located in Cataño proper, and Mr. Frank Colon at Palo Seco. Mr. Colon was a Porto Rican who had been in Government service during the war and had been brought to the States, where after the war he had a position at a good salary which he sacrificed in order to serve the Church. Mis Bertha Casos has been teaching the kindergarten and vacation schools in this district with volunteer assistance from members of the congregation. There are two organized congregations, Divino Salvador at Cataño, and Betesda at Palo Seco. The outlying stations are at San Tomas, Sabana and Amelia.

III. *Bayamon District.* This large country district has been in charge of the Superintendent, Rev. F. W. Lindke, who would not have been able to care for it, in addition to his other duties, had he not been furnished with an automobile. Mrs. Lindke is also a commissioned missionary actively engaged in the work. The native teachers are Miss Rosa Gonzàlez, Miss Carmen Rosario and Miss Saldaña. They have done exceptionally good work, their qualifications being shown in their possession of Public School Teachers' certificates. The native preachers in this district are Mr. Guillermo Marrero in the Bayamon parish, Mr. Juan Zambrana in the Dorado-Toa Baja parish, Mr. German Vazquez in the Monacillo parish. The Bayamon parish has two organized congregations, Santisima Trinidad and Sion's. There is an out-station at Pajaros. The other organized congregations are: San Pedro's in Toa Baja, with an out-station at Campanilla; Gethsemani in Dorado, and Betel in Maracyo; with out-stations at Higuliar and Santa Rosa; in the Monacillo parish, Betania at Monacilo proper and Nuestro Salvador at Juan Domingo, with out-stations at Monacillo Arriba and Juan Velez.

In this district there was erected this summer at Dorado a beautiful church facing the public plaza. This meant much to the congregation which has for years worshiped in an unseemly shack. Sion's congregation, Comerio Street, Bayamon, also greatly improved their property by the addition of a tower with practically no cost to the Board.

Virgin Islands

The work in this field has been very difficult not only because of vacancies created by sickness but also because economic conditions are so bad that the population is leaving as fast as passage can be secured. Nevertheless, the congregations have not only held their own but in some instances shown an increase. There are three parishes including five organized congregations.

I. *Frederiksted-King's Hill,* which was served by Pastor J. C. Pedersen until he was called to Porto Rico. The assistant here is Clerk Reginald McFarlane.

II. *Christiansted.* Pastor A. E. Jensen came here at the beginning of the biennium but on account of the illness of his wife and daughter suddenly left the field. He was succeeded by Pastor J. P. Christensen,

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who after his furlough took the St. Croix work in place of the parish at St. Thomas. But one of his children contracting a tropical disease, he also has resigned and left the field, to be succeeded in October of this year by the Rev. D. E. Rupley, of Philadelphia, who with his wife and two daughters will enter enthusiastically upon the task of building up the work in St. Croix.

III. *St. Thomas-St. John.* These two organized congregations were supplied by Dr. Ostrom and Pastor Pedersen until the Rev. N. T. Nesgaard and wife arrived on the field. Clerk Carl E. Francis is the assistant on the Island of St. John. The congregation has been greatly affected by the steadily diminishing shipping upon which the people depend for support. This is the result of the Government taking from St. Thomas its status as a free port.

IV. *Works of Mercy.* The Board has been constrained to continue our charitable institutions but with the establishment of a civil government it is expected that much of this work will be assumed by the civil authorities.

Children's Homes. This charity, supported by the Women's Missionary Society, has done much to relieve the suffering among the sick and neglected babies of the poor. They are known as the Queen Louise Homes, having been originally established by the Danish Societies under the patronage of the Dowager Queen Louise. One Home is located in Christiansted and the other in Frederiksted, and each has a capacity of sixty children. Three departments are maintained,. a sick ward, where neglected infants receive proper care; a day nursery where little ones are cared for whose mothers are working in the fields; and the kindergarten. Sister Maren Knudsen is in charge at Frederiksted, arrangements having been made with the Motherhouse at Copenhagen whereby she was permitted to return to the field for another term of service. She has spent sixteen years in this field and her devotion to the cause has won for her a lasting place in the hearts of the people. Sister Clara Smyre, of the Baltimore Motherhouse, is in charge of the Home at Christiansted. Her work in the Home as well as in the parish has been noteworthy and has obtained the recognition of the government authorities.

Ebenezer Orphanage. In the last two years this institution has been thoroughly organized on an American basis and is accomplishing fine work among the group of girls which it shelters. Miss Nanca Schoen has been in complete charge of the work and the results attained, as well as the kindergarten established in the parish, has won the commendation of the school commissioners and of the courts. Miss Schoen's furlough being due, Miss Florence Hines accepted a call to the field after having spent a year in preparation at the Baltimore Motherhouse. She was entered enthusiastically upon the work. Miss Schoen will be received into

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the Milwaukee Motherhouse and be consecrated a deaconess before returning to the field to continue her important labors.

Lepers. In justice to our workers, mention must be made of the part which they take in the care of the lepers in the two colonies, one located on the Island of St. Croix, and the other in Porto Rico on a little island in the harbor of San Juan. These poor unfortunates are ministered to by the various Protestant denominations who take their turn holding services and bringing gifts to supplement the supplies furnished by the Government. The Christmas boxes which the congregations in the States send yearly in such liberal amount for the poor in the parishes and for gifts to the children in the kindergartens and Sunday schools always furnish ample supplies for our missionaries in ministering to the lepers.

V. *Industrial.* In all our stations there are people who have been brought up amid such environments and in such ignorance as to make their earning of a livelihood a problem. Many hundreds never know what is is ever to have enough to eat, for their earnings seldom exceed a few pennies a day. To reach this class successfully, they must be aided in improving their living conditions. Other denominations have established well-equipped industrial schools but with our limited income it is impossible to attempt to equal the magnificent work that others have accomplished. However, our missionaries for a long time have been planning for something that would solve this problem. Mrs. Ostrom and other missionaries established small classes to train the poor people in making baskets and lace work, so that they could add somewhat to their income. In the meantime, the articles made by those in the classes and others made by their poor relatives and neighbors were purchased by Mrs. Ostrom and sent to the States for sale. This work grew until it became a large enterprise, but it is at present severely handicaped by the death of Mrs. Ostrom. Nevertheless, her labors have already resulted in a goodly sum which is being held as a trust fund until we establish an industrial school. We are not asking the Church for an apportionment for this as we believe in a short time the special gifts and the profits from the sales by the Women's Missionary Societies will permit something to be done that will be a credit to the Lutheran Church.

New York City

In order to put an end to the great losses that our Church was suffering among the West Indians who had emigrated to New York City, the West Indies Board in 1920 established a mission in the heart of Manhattan. In three years it grew to such an extent that no hall large enough could be secured to hold the people, and while Lutheran churches were willing to give other people practically free use of their churches Sunday after Sunday, our West Indians, on account of the color which God put in their skin, were without a home. Although prices were abnormally high, yet to save the congregation, the Board was compelled to buy a

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property at almost twice its pre-war value. It was the only available location adapted to our work, and so on the first of January, 1923, $57,000 was paid for the property at 74 West 126th Street. This structure had originally been a clubhouse but three successive congregations had owned it and rebuilt it until it was a modern church with a beautiful auditorium on the first floor, a Sunday school room and kitchen on the second floor, janitor's quarters on the third floor, offices and rooms for the workers on the first and second floors, and a bowling alley in the basement, giving a complete church equipment seldom found in so small a compass. That the West Indians appreciate the Board's action is shown by the fact that out of their poverty, the first year they were in their own church building, they contributed toward the expenses of the work the sum of $4,500. The congregation has shown a growth of 100 for each year of its life and now numbers over 430 communicants and is today the largest colored Lutheran congregation in the country.

The work is well organized in every department, its Boy Scouts being recognized as the best disciplined and the largest of any colored church. The parish is cared for by Mr. Paul E. West, one of our students for the ministry, now in Wagner College, and by Deaconess Sister Emma Francis. The pastoral oversight as well as the services are under the direct charge of the Executive Secretary, assisted by missionaries on furlough. The name chosen, the Church of the Transfiguration, is the same as that of a famous New York church of another faith and in time will become as well known in its way as the other "little church around the corner."

The only local support worthy of mention was received from the Church of the Atonement, 140th Street and Edgecomb Place, of which the Rev. Dr. Knubel was the former pastor, which congregation, although surrounded by the colored section, generously contributed almost a thousand dollars for this work.

Spanish Work. After securing a church property, it was possible to give attention to the Spanish Lutherans in New York City. These people being white were, of course, welcomed in the Lutheran churches, but not understanding the English language and greatly scattered over the city, they were drifting from the Lutheran fold. After a year of effort put forth in searching out the people and ministering to them, holding services regularly in the church, an organization was effected with twenty-five charter members. These people during the past year have maintained a larger average of attendance at the church services than Spanish congregations of other denominations in New York which have been organized for twenty years with their own church property. The loyalty of these people to the Lutheran Church is a credit to the labors of our missionaries as well as an evidence of the power of the Lutheran faith. Student of Theology Eduardo Roig, of Porto Rico,

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now at the Mt. Airy Seminary, is in charge of this work. Credit should be given to the New York and New England Synod for their co-operation in receiving Mr. Roig on their Student Aid Fund during his Seminary course.

Education of Men for the Ministry and Theological Seminary. The demand for men trained in the Spanish language impressed itself upon our missionaries from the very start. The men on the field zealously put forth efforts to establish a seminary, giving part of their time each week to teaching. Their prayers for help were answered by the Rev. H. L. McMurray, who left his property, after the death of his wife, for the founding of a theological seminary. Through the large-hearted vision of Mrs. McMurray, and the advice of the Rev. B. F. Hankey, the life-long friend who interested Pastor McMurray in this work, the property was made available for use at once. A contract of sale has been made which when carried out will provide about $30,000 for the erection of a Memorial Seminary.

In the meantime, the Board has been compelled to make provision for the education of students and has at present, in addition to the seven native helpers who are being educated in the islands, Mr. Paul E. West studying at Wagner College, and Mr. Eduardo Roig at Mt. Airy Seminary; there is another student available for Spanish work who will enter an American college this fall if supported by the Board; in the island three high school graduates are ready if supported, to enter the University of Porto Rico. While this is a heavy drain upon the resources of the Board, yet the importance of educating men for the Spanish work is so great that we feel the expenditures are justified.

Statistics. Only a general summary of statistics will be possible in the brief limits of this report. During the past biennium seven American pastors were on the field the whole time and four others part time. Seven women missionaries also labored the full period and six others part time. Mr. William Arbaugh and Mr. Eduardo Roig, students at Mt. Airy Seminary, labored acceptably during their vacation in Porto Rico. There are four deaconesses working on our fields, and twenty native assistants, eleven men and nine women; making fifty full-time workers in all. Under our Board are nineteen organized congregations with eleven additional preaching points and twenty-six Sunday schools. The baptized membership is 3,841, and the confirmed 2,158. In the Sunday schools are enrolled 2,386 children. The congregations raised over $9,000 for their support. The property, most of which is held by the Board, is valued at over $400,000, half of which came from the Danish National Church at the time of the transfer of the Virgin Islands to the United States.

Co-operation

Augustana Synod. We rejoice in being privileged to report the continued interest of the Augustana Synod in the work in Porto Rico, where

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for so many years before the merger they had provided the larger amount of the support and furnished most of the missionaries. In this connection we would also report that the United Danish Synod is co-operating to the extent of furnishing pastors for the work in the Virgin Islands, the Rev. N. T. Nesgaard coming from that Synod.

Deaconess Motherhouses. The Motherhouse in Copenhagen, Denmark, kindly made arrangements whereby Sister Maren Knudsen could remain on the field. The Baltimore Motherhouse not only furnished Deaconess Sister Clara Smyre but also generously co-operated in preparing missionaries for the field, having already trained two of our young women, and expects this year to train more who are considering our field. The Motherhouse in Milwaukee has also arranged for the return of Sister Nanca Schoen to the field in order that she may continue her efficient labors. The Mary J. Drexel Motherhouse in Philadelphia has not only received Sister Emma Francis as a member of the Motherhouse but also is preparing West Indians for the diaconate. Miss Edith Prince was the first candidate to receive the garb. It is hoped that others will soon be found willing and qualified to receive training so that the Deaconess Board may be able to establish a Motherhouse for Colored Deaconesses.

The Women's Missionary Society. We cannot close our report without paying tribute to the generous support of the Women's Missionary Society, which has not only provided for the Children's Homes but also undertaken the support of all our unmarried women missionaries and deaconesses. The Society has cordially co-operated in the sale of products from the islands, and, in its literature, brought the Church a new insight into the needs of our field. Sufficient words of praise cannot be found to express our appreciation of what the Women's Societies are doing for us.

Organization

The annual election of officers required by the charter resulted in the election of: President, the Rev. H. W. A. Hanson, D.D., Gettysburg, Pa.; vice-president, the Rev. C. A. Freed, D.D., Newberry, S. C.; secretary Mr. H. F. Heuer, Philadelphia, Pa.; treasurer, Mr. S. F. Telleen, Chase National Bank, New York City. The other members are: Rev. E. Belfour, D.D., Rev. F. M. Bosch, M. S. Boyer, M.D., Mr. J. H. Brandt, Rev. S. N. Carpenter, D.D., Rev. F. B. Clausen, Mr. A. H. Durboraw, Mr. C. W. Fuhr, Mr. R. E. Gaskell, Rev. F. U. Gift, D.D., Rev. B. F. Hankey, Rev. W. M. Horn, Rev. J. H. Meyer, E. J. Mosser, Esq., Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, D.D., Rev. J. J. Scherer, D.D., Mr. H. M. Schmitt; representing the Augustana Synod, Rev. J. A. Eckstrom, D.D., Rev. J. A. Anderson, D.D.; representing the Women's Missionary Society, Mrs. F. F. Fry and Mrs. B. S. Copenhaver; executive secretary, Rev. Z. M. Corbe.

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During the biennium death called home two of our members. The Rev. Dr. E. Belfour was a prominent figure in the life of the General Council and from the beginning of the Lutheran Mission in Porto Rico was associated with the Boards having control of that work. Being of Danish birth, his interest in the new work in the Virgin Islands received from the Danish National Church was equal to his interest in Porto Rico. His long years of usefulness speak for themselves and need no additional tribute.

Mr. Robert E. Gaskell was called away from a life of activity, and he is greatly missed not only in the councils of our Board, but in the Church of the Holy Trinity, New York, and all the Lutheran activities of the city in which his cheerful labors played so important a part.

While mourning these losses, we would at the same time express our gratitude that we were permitted to have the valued counsel of these men during the past six years.

Recommendation

We would recommend that the United Lutheran Church approve of the following policy, especially in view of the fact that it is in harmony with the plans proposed for the reorganization of the Home Mission work in America.

"Be It Resolved, that hereafter when any work is undertaken within the bounds of a constituent synod of the United Lutheran Church in which the West Indies Mission Board is expected to co-operate

"a. It shall have the official approval of the proper synodical authorities.

"b. It shall continue under the jurisdiction of the synod in whose boundaries it is located.

"c. It shall be supervised by the West Indies Mission Board only in such matters as require the specialized knowledge of the Board and its representatives, the West Indies Mission Board co-operating also in all other matters necessary for co-ordination of the work with similar work in other synods.

"d. It shall be supported by the West Indies Mission Board only from such funds as may be placed in its budget for this special purpose and so approved by the United Lutheran Church."

Henry W. A. Hanson, *President.*

C. A. Freed, *Vice-president.*

Henry F. Heuer, *Secretary.*

S. Frederick Telleen, *Treasurer.*

Zenan M. Corbe, *Executive Secretary.*

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TREASURER'S REPORT OF THE BOARD OF WEST INDIES MISSIONS

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING JULY 31, 1923

RECEIPTS

United Church on Apportionment through Treasurer Miller	$37,356.00	
Synods, Churches and Individuals through Treasurer Miller	918.47	
Women's Missionary Society through Treasurer Miller	5,175.00	
Churches, societies and individuals, direct	4,572.62	
Augustana Synod	1,350.98	
Danish Grants	6,095.88	
Loans	37,450.00	
Calada Fund	1,035.00	
Proceeds from Sale of Securities	14,079.50	
Interest on Investments	185.25	
Discount refunded	124.50	
		$108,343.20

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries of Missionaries and Native Workers	$19,838.83	
Salary of Secretary	2,000.00	
Salaries of Clerks, Stenographers, etc	1,074.00	
Expenses of Missionaries and Native Workers	3,318.70	
Expenses of Secretary and Board Members	888.32	
Expenses of Missionaries on Furlough	1,385.90	
Mission Literature and General Expenses on the Field	702.43	
Donations to Homes, etc	4,016.79	
Interest on Loans	1,543.49	
Real Estate and Property Purchased	42,252.06	
Real Estate Maintenance, Taxes, Insurance, etc	1,327.24	
Rental of Office	265.00	
Office Supplies and Expense	121.23	
Postage and Telegrams	83.97	
Publicity	738.00	
Auditing	200.00	
Bank charges for exchange, discount, etc	385.06	
Designated funds transmitted through Treasurer	91.41	
Danish Grants	528.54	
McMurray Estate	90.37	
Loans Repaid	14,000.00	
Securities Purchased	10000.00	
To Emergency Fund, Field Treasurer	1,000.00	
		$105,851.34
Excess of Receipts		$2.491.86

S. F. TELLEEN, *Treasurer*

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Balance Sheet, 31st July, 1923

ASSETS

Cash		*$8,702.47
Real Estate and Buildings at appraised values or cost		361,500.14
House and Office Furniture and Fixtures and Automobile at cost		2,580.68
		$372,783.29

LIABILITIES

Loans	$31,478.00	
Mortgage Payable	22,000.00	
Accounts Payable	377.02	
Interest Accrued on Loans and Mortgage	603.22	
Special Funds	12,935.75	
General Fund	305,389.30	
		$372,783.29

*Includes $3,235.75 apportionment for July, 1923, received and deposited 1st August, 1923.

Philadelphia, Pa., 17th September, 1923.

We have audited the accounts of the Board of West Indies Missions of the United Lutheran Church in America, Inc., for the year ended 31st July, 1923, and we certify that the foregoing Balance Sheet, in our opinion, correctly sets forth the financial condition of the Board at 31st July, 1923.

The aggregate of the receipts as recorded in the cash book for the year ended 31st July, 1923, is $108,343.20, which includes $3,235.75 apportionment for July, 1923, and the aggregate of the disbursements is $105,851.34.

LYBRAND, ROSS BROS. & MONTGOMERY, *Accountants and Auditors.*

TREASURER'S REPORT OF THE BOARD OF WEST INDIES MISSIONS

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING JULY 31, 1924

RECEIPTS

United Church on apportionment through Treasurer Miller	$ 44,918.60
Synods, Churches and Societies through Treasurer Miller	398.93
Women's Missionary Society through Treasurer Miller	5,839.39
Augustana Synod through Treasurer Miller	124.26
Augustana Synod—direct	2,291.86
Synods, Churches, Societies, Schools and Individuals direct	4,776.66
Nellie S. Anderson Estate	240.00
H. L. McMurray Estate	2,449.83
Danish Grants	924.43
Calada Fund	1,010.11

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Interest on Investments	174.22	
Loans Made	1,500.00	
		$ 64,648.29

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries of Missionaries and Native Workers	$ 19,140.00	
Salary of Executive Secretary	2,350.00	
Salary of Stenographer, etc.	1,130.00	
Expenses of Missionaries and Native Workers	6,632.95	
Expenses of Missionaries on Furlough	703.06	
Expenses of Secretary and Board Meetings	732.26	
Donations to Homes	3,658.45	
Real Estate Maintenance, Taxes, Insurance, etc	2,009.59	
Real Estate and Other Property Purchased	1,513.48	
Danish Grants	886.00	
Office Rent, Supplies, Postage and Publicity	206.26	
Loans Paid	6,060.00	
Interest on Loans	2,935.08	
McMurray Estate	8,246.53	
Designated Funds Transmitted through Treasurer	680.85	
Exchange	3.33	
Investments Purchased	8,126.88	
Auditing—Lybrand, Ross Bros. & Montgomery	175.00	
		$ 65,189.72
Excess of Disbursements		$ 541.43

BALANCE SHEET, JULY 31, 1924

ASSETS

Cash	$ 7,161.04	
Investments: U. S. Certificates 4½s, 1927	8,126.88	
Real Estate and Buildings at appraised values of cost	402,252.62	
House and Office Furniture and Fixtures and Automobile at cost	3,074.68	
		$ 420,615.22

LIABILITIES

Loans	$ 27,358.00	
Mortgage Payable	21,560.00	
Accounts Payable	462.98	
Interest Accrued on Loans and Mortgage	526.55	
Special Funds	44,773.35	
General Fund	325,934.34	
		$ 420,615.22

Philadelphia, Pa., September 3, 1924.

We have audited the accounts of the Board of West Indies Missions of the United Lutheran Church in America for the year ended July 31, 1924, and we certify that the foregoing balance sheet, in our opinion, correctly sets forth the financial condition of the Board at July 31, 1924.

The aggregate of the receipts as recorded in the cash book for the year ended July 31, 1924, is $64,648.29, and the aggregate of the disbursements is $65,189.72.

LYBRAND, ROSS BROS. & MONTGOMERY,
Accountants and Auditors.

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The Rev. Z. M. Corbe, Executive Secretary, addressed the Convention and read the recommendation of the Board. The recommendation was adopted.

On motion that the report be adopted as a whole, the Rev. F. W. Lindke, one of our missionaries in the Virgin Islands, was introduced and addressed the Convention. The motion to adopt as a whole was put and carried.

The Rev. J. C. Seegers presented the report of the Committee on Evangelism and addressed the Convention.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM

The Committee on Evangelism, composed of the Rev. S. G. Weiskotten, D.D., F. Wolford, D.D., O. Krauch, A. Pohlman, D.D., M.D., P. W. Roth, D.D., E. A. Tappert, D.D., John F. Crigler, D.D., C. J. Rockey, S. D. Daugherty, D.D., Secy., J. C. Seegers, D.D., and Messrs. W. H. Stackel and F. Stussy, Jr., presents this report with a feeling of gratitude and appreciation: Gratitude to God for his favors and blessings; appreciation of the Church's cordial attitude toward, and deep interest in, the plans we have submitted, and the efforts we have made. There has been a steady and marked increase of interest in the subject of Evangelism. Synods, Conferences, Schools for the training of church workers, Summer Assemblies, have had the subject discussed and studied. Discussion has led to action, and action has resulted in an increased ingathering of souls.

At this time, and in this manner, we desire to acknowledge our indebtedness to the editors of *The Lutheran* for the generous support they have given us. Their frequent reference to the work of the Committee, their hearty endorsement of our plans and purposes, their constant urge upon the Church for a sympathetic and hearty co-operation contributed, in no small measure, to the effective prosecution of our work.

It is proper, also, at this time, to record, in an appreciative manner, the courteous and uniformly cordial attitude of the Presidents of the District Synods. We sought and secured their co-operation. Through them, and the committees they appointed, the task of conveying our plans to, and making them operant in, the congregations, was facilitated and the more generally accomplished.

During the biennium your Committee endeavored, above everything else, to create an atmosphere favorable to, and a spirit which will be active in, the promotion of Evangelical Evangelism. We presented a program which aimed to increase church attendance, intensify church activity and imbue the members of the congregations with a sense of their responsibility to preach the gospel to every creature. We placed

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the emphasis upon the *Congregation* in action. We urged the necessity of stressing the *Primacy of the Spiritual,* and suggested that every congregation adopt the motto, "The whole Congregation at work all the Year for Souls."

The stress was laid upon that which belongs to a congregation's abiding effort. We attempted no evangelistic campaign, but urged a constant flow of evangelical life. We believe this to be the only safe and sound course to follow. The sporadic and spasmodic never prove permanently beneficial to the life of a congregation. A permanent spirit manifesting itself constantly in evangelistic effort is what we need.

To this end the celebration of the Festival of the Reformation in 1923 was directed. In every section of the Church the celebration emphasized evangelism. We rejoiced in our privilege and heritage, but we recognized also our duty to the times in which we live. We looked backward, but we did not fail to face forward. The keynote of the celebration was "This Country for Christ through Us."

To conserve the interest created through this celebration a nation-wide follow-up movement was proposed, suggesting as the first step the deepening of the spiritual life of the church, an awakening to a keen sense of responsibility and realization of the obligation resting upon the congregation to present the claims of Christ to every creature.

We recommended that the efforts of the congregations, throughout the whole United Lutheran Church, during the months of November and December, 1923, be directed towards the reclamation of lapsed members, the retrieving of losses sustained, and the securing of unattached Lutherans in every community. The seasons of Epiphany, Lent, and post-Easter were set apart as the opportune time for seed sowing and harvesting.

During the biennium the Committee issued a leaflet setting forth, in popular form, some of the fundamental facts characterizing the Lutheran Church. The entire edition of one hundred thousand was distributed, upon order, to the pastors of the church.

How effective our plans have proven cannot be stated. Spiritual influences and forces cannot be measured in terms of statistics. We planted and watered, and believe God, in His own time and way, will give the increase. Whatever results were accomplished, we attribute to the working of the Spirit of God through Whom alone souls are brought to, and kept in union with, Jesus Christ in true faith. We give Him the praise. We pray for His guidance and blessing as we plan for the future.

Educational Evangelism

This reveals the character of the program we submit for your ratification at this time.

The starting point in this program is the Festival of the Reformation. There is no more appropriate time to inaugurate a program of this char-

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acter than at the celebration of this festival. It brings to mind precious memories. It recalls courageous faith, undaunted zeal, unflagging fidelity, untiring effort in behalf of truth. It flashes before us, in a striking way, the essential factors of a great spiritual movement growing out of the experience of an individual soul which had been led to freedom and life through faith in Jesus Christ. It demonstrates to us the liberating power of the Gospel. It records tremendous conquests of a spiritual nature. It marks the acquisition, as well as the declaration, of principles whose powers are eternal, and which can meet and, therefore be applied to the problems confronting the church of the twentieth century.

With these principles we want the people acquainted, and we want to stir our own people to a deeper appreciation of them. The gospel which made the Reformation must be made known. It must be brought in contact with souls. The object of the celebration is to begin an aggressive forward movement which will affect the church throughout our entire territory.

Through the proclamation of the gospel souls will be saved. With these souls the second feature of our program deals. It aims at

The Conservation of Our Forces

Souls awakened must be conserved. Converts must be cared for. New members must be nurtured. Those who have been added must be anchored. Inquirers must be instructed. We urge, therefore, definite and positive instruction on all questions connected with faith and life. Religious instruction should follow, as well as precede, confirmation or profession. In the public and private ministrations of the Word the element of instruction should find a definite place. In giving this religious instruction

The Adult Catechetical Class

must not be overlooked. It is an outstanding feature in this program of Educational Evangelism. It is recommended most heartily to the congregations. It offers a positive opportunity to bring the soul to, and build it up in, Christ. It is, perhaps, the best way to do constructive work. Four to six weeks in an earnest effort to gather material for such a class, together with direct, heart to heart instruction of those gathered, will yield a more fruitful harvest than energy expended in any other way. We stress this as an indispensable item in the congregation's program of evangelism.

The Development of the Devotional Life

of our people must loom large in a program such as we are presenting. We are endeavoring to accomplish this through our church papers, *The Lutheran* and *Lutherische Herold*. We have arranged to give to the Church during Advent, Epiphany and Lent a series of daily devotional

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meditations. The central thought running through these meditations will be APPROPRIATING, ADVERTISING AND ADVANCING THE KINGDOM. The meditations will be practical and popular in their character. Daily Scriptural readings, together with a Collect for each day, will be suggested. We ask the pastors to bring this important phase of our program to the attention of our people, and to urge them to a faithful use of these aids to devotion.

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are asked to devote some time in their monthly meetings to an intensive study of the subject of evangelism from a local viewpoint. To make this study the more possible and helpful our Committee will publish monthly in *The Lutheran* and *Lutherische Herold* articles treating subjects vitally related to the growth and development of the congregation.

We plan also to prepare and publish, as early as possible, literature which will be adapted for study by church councils and other groups in the congregation.

To avoid the duplication of literature and to co-ordinate, in a measure the work of our Committee with that of the Commitee on Social and Moral Welfare, we take the privilege of directing the serious thought of our people to the series of articles which will be given the Church by that Committee in the columns of *The Lutheran*.

The Stewardship of Life

must be emphasized in its relation to evangelism. It is inseparably connected with evangelism. It logically finds a place in a program aiming at Educational Evangelism. It has been said: "The Stewardship of Life depends upon evangelization. A life is evangelized only when it is begotten through the gospel, and is lived according to the principles and spirit of the gospel. This means that Christ is accepted as Saviour and Lord and that the life is lived not simply after his example, but as the expression of the indwelling Christ. When a life is evangelized in such a manner and degree the supreme purpose of that life is service, and the supreme motive is love." Evangelism aims to bring about a right relationship between the individual and Christ, and a living expression of that relationship. It deepens the sense of stewardship. It spells consecration, and consecration means a recognition of the fact that we belong to Christ, as well as a manifestation of a willingness to spend and be spent for Him. Educational Evangelism, therefore, leads to a recognition of the Stewardship of Life, and the Stewardship of Life expresses itself in an evangelical service.

Only as we realize that we are not our own, that we have been bought with a price, will we consecrate ourselves wholly to the service of Christ, but such a consecration will manifest itself in what is known and called

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PERSONAL EVANGELISM

For personal evangelism is nothing more than the outgoing of a consecrated personality to testify for Christ and to bring His claims to bear upon the non-Christian. It is individual witness-bearing. It grows out of a motive, and that motive is love, love for Christ and the soul. It is not dependent upon methods. Methods will vary. They will be determined by the person approaching and the person approached. The motive remains the same. It always is found in the soul of a consecrated personality.

The chief feature of personal evangelism is attestation. It is not argumentation. People are not argued into an acceptance of Christ, but are led to Christ.

But this personal witness-bearing and individual seeking of souls will not take place unless there is an appreciation of what Christ is in Himself, and what He has done for us; an appreciation of the value of the soul; an appreciation of the means of grace as administered by the Church. Educational Evangelism aims to produce this personal effort through constant instruction. When this appreciation is established there will be personal effort on the part of the members of the congregation. It will result in the congregation in action, and not merely one individual making an isolated attempt and an independent effort. Not only will the individual members of the congregation become active, but their activity will be related to the life of the congregation. It will make a congregation as a whole a spiritual force in the community.

We submit this program with the confident belief that its execution will result in an increased attendance upon the services of the church, an enlarged membership, and an intensifying of the church's influence.

Respectfully submitted for the Committee,

J. C. SEEGERS, Chairman.

On motion to adopt the report, the Revs. P. W. Roth, A. Pohlman and Dr. A. R. Steck spoke in advocacy of the work of Evangelism.

The report was adopted.

On motion of the Rev. A. Engeset, the item of the report of the Executive Board concerning the Pacific Theological Seminary was made a special order for Monday afternoon, immediately following the report of the Committee of Reference and Counsel.

The Rev. H. W. A. Hanson led in prayer, and the Convention adjourned until Monday morning.

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FIFTH MEETING

Morning Session

CONVENTION HALL, EDGEWATER BEACH HOTEL,
Chicago, Ill.

Monday, October 27, 8:45 A. M.

Matins were conducted by the Rev. P. D. Brown.

The President called the Convention to order and announced the special orders for the day.

The Minutes of the Saturday sessions were read and approved.

Moved and carried, That the Secretary be authorized to make such changes in the code of By-Laws as are required by amendments, submit the result to the Executive Board for approval, and have the By-Laws, as amended, printed together with the Constitution of the United Lutheran Church.

The special order being the report of the Committee on Moral and Social Welfare, the Rev. E. P. Pfatteicher, Chairman of the Committee, reported as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MORAL AND SOCIAL WELFARE

I. THE WORK OF THE PAST BIENNIUM. SURVEY.

A. THE STUDY OF MORAL AND SOCIAL WELFARE PROBLEMS

Introductory Statement: The work of the past biennium has been preeminently the stupendous task of seeking to know something about the society in which we live and the problems which confront it. In this, our earnest quest, we are not alone nor do we feel that we are very far behind those who have been functioning longer than we have. Practically every worth-while moral and social welfare agency in the religious and secular world is seeking, as we are, for a clearer conception of things as they are. The agencies of today are compiling statistics, diagnosing conditions, seeking ever more light. This is being done by the agencies with a religious background, not because they have lost faith in the Gospel of our Lord, but because they are convinced they must under-

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stand the needs of the hour in terms of the hour and must be able to apply the Gospel of Jesus Christ as He would have us apply it. The direction of our studies is indicated for the benefit of those who are interested in the social problems of the day sufficiently to carry on a bit of personal investigation.

(a) *Copec*: This name has been applied to an English Conference on Christian Politics, Economics and Citizenship which was held at Birmingham, England, April 5-12, 1924. The Lord Bishop of Manchester was chairman of the Conference and Miss Lucy Gardner, 92 St. George's Square, London, S. W. 1, its secretary. The Conference itself did not turn out to be as valuable as was the carefully planned preparation for it. Pamphlets on the separate social problems of the day, intended as questionnaires, were sent out broadcast and certainly acted as proper propaganda. They were preceded by a pamphlet indicating the purpose, scope and character of the Conference. It contained among other things of real value the following platform:

"The basis of this Conference is the conviction that the Christian faith rightly interpreted and consistently followed, gives the vision and the power essential for solving the problems of today, that the social ethics of Christianity have been greatly neglected by Christians with disastrous consequences to the individual and to society, and that it is of the first importance that these should be given a clearer and more persistent emphasis. In the teaching and work of Jesus Christ there are certain fundamental principles—such as the universal Fatherhood of God with its corollary that mankind is God's family, and the law that 'whoso loseth his life, findeth it'—which if accepted, not only condemns much in the present organization of society but show the way of regeneration. Christianity has proved itself to possess also a motive power for the transformation of the individual without which no change of policy or method can succeed. In the light of its principles, the constitution of society, the conduct of industry, the upbringing of children, national and international politics, the personal relations of men and women, in fact, all human relationships must be tested. It is hoped that through this Conference the Church may win a fuller understanding of its Gospel and hearing a clear call to practical action may find courage to obey."

(b) *The Inquiry*: Following along the lines of the English Conference there is an American Conference, planned by "The National Conference on the Christian Way of Life." The Commission on International Relations of this National Conference has prepared a comprehensive syllabus of questions for use by forums and discussion groups on "International Problems and the Christian Way of Life." In addition to the questions there are selected readings. The pamphlet impresses us as being more popular and perhaps less searching than the English pamphlets. The latter are irreconcilably Christian. The American pamphlet seeks to be conciliatory. Contrast the platform of Copec with the following statement taken from the introduction of "International Problems and the Christian Way of Life":

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"Those of us who profess to follow Him may have formally accepted His teachings, yet today we find ourselves sometimes wondering either whether they are true, or, if true, whether we are sufficiently intelligent to search out the way of life to which they seem to lead. . . .

"From the beginning it has been hoped that the Conference might be an even broader basis than that of the Federal Council of Churches, including not only members of churches not affiliated with the Federal Council, but also those who, though not regarding themselves as members of any particular Church believe that the following of Jesus' way of life might transform industrial, racial and international relations. . . ."

If Copec split on the rock of radicalism as was reported, what will happen to The Inquiry?

(c) *The Commissions of the Federal Council*: The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, Dr. Robert E. Speer, President, the Revs. Charles S. MacFarland and Samuel McCrea Cavert, Secretaries, with offices at 105 E. 22d Street, New York, has two commissions which are active in moral and social welfare work. One of these is the "Commission on International Justice and Good Will," of which Dr. John H. Finley is chairman and the Rev. Sidney L. Gulick, secretary. The Commission seeks to act as a co-ordinating body of the many agencies at work upon this world problem. It is conducting an effective campaign in the interests of the World Court and seeks to stress the international obligations of America. It is interested in world relief and seeks to co-ordinate and prevent duplication in appeals. Dr. F. H. Knubel is the chairman of its Committee on Mercy and Relief, a fine bit of tribute to the splendid relief work of the Lutheran Church. The Commission is also seeking to bring about a new attitude on the part of America toward Mexico and Latin America.

The second of these commissions of the Federal Council is the "Commission on the Church and Social Service," of which the Rev. Worth M. Tippy is the secretary. This Commission seeks to be helpful to the churches in pointing the way in matters of social welfare. The Commission has held a series of conferences on the Church and Community Co-operation in Ohio, the Ohio Federation of Churches co-operating in the movement. "The Commission is interested at this time in the development of religious work for prisoners in local jails." A survey of the American jail is being prepared and is announced for publication in October. A pamphlet on Child Labor in the United States helped to pave the way for the recent enactment of legislation on that subject by Congress. There are other pamphlets on "The Coal Controversy," "The Wage Question," etc., that have provoked discussion.

(d) *The Denominational Literature*: It is manifestly impossible in this report to indicate even a bit of the wealth of material which has been prepared by the denominations through their respective agencies and their publication houses. Some of the denominations, *e. g.*, the Presby-

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terians, have a separate paper devoted to "Moral Welfare." We are inclined to the opinion that it is better not to detach these questions from their proper consideration in the church papers, or granting this is done also, we believe that our plan of study books plus enlisting the members of our committee as students of special subjects will prove more fruitful in the end. To ascertain the scope of the literature of any denomination we suggest consultation with a leader of that denomination in your community or correspondence with our committee.

(e) *The Kirby Page Pamphlets*: Under the editorship and direction of Mr. Kirby Page, 311 Division Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey, several series of pamphlets have been published by the George H. Doran Company, of New York. These pamphlets, intended for study groups and for individuals, have had a very large circulation. They are as follows:

The Christianity and World Problems Series to date consists of:
(1) War: Its Causes, Consequences and Cure, by Mr. Page.
(2) Russia: A Warning and a Challenge, by Sherwood Eddy.
(3) France and the Peace of Europe, by Mr. Page.
Pamphlets to appear in the near future: "World Problems of Today," "The Near East," "Latin America."
The Christianity and Industry Series consists of:
(1) Industrial Facts, by Mr. Page.
(2) Collective Bargaining (Trade Unionism and the Open Shop), by Mr. Page.
(3) Fellowship (and the Christian Social Order), by Messrs. Mathews and Bisseker.
(4) The Sword or the Cross (Jesus' Way of Life), by Mr. Page.
(5) The U. S. Steel Corporation (Modern Business Policies), by Mr. Page.
(6) America: Its Problems and Perils, by Sherwood Eddy.
(7) Incentives in Modern Life (Are Jesus' Principles Workable?), by Mr. Page.
(8) Industrial Unrest, A Way Out, by B. Seebohm Rowntree, Employer.
(9) The Economic Order: What is it? What is it worth? By Prof. J. H. Gray.
(10) Why Not Try Christianity? By Samuel Zane Batten.

(f) *The Foundations for Social Service*: Foremost among these is the Russell Sage Foundation, 130 East 22d Street, New York; a $15,000,000 foundation, incorporated by the Legislature of New York in 1907, "for the improvement of social and living conditions in the United States of America." There are eight departments:

(1) Charity Organization—Aim, to study, teach, publish and advise in questions affecting case work and administration, etc.
(2) Child Helping—Provides counsel for agencies interested in dependent, neglected, delinquent and defective children.
(3) Industrial Studies—Constructive Research.

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(4) Recreation—To aid in constructive social organization of leisure time.

(5) Remedial Loans—To conduct a campaign of education regarding the evils of the small loan business and to secure protection and legislation.

(6) Statistics—Furnishes statistics to other departments.

(7) Surveys and Exhibits—To assist communities in the preparation of exhibits.

(8) The Library—Contains about 22,500 books and 69,000 pamphlets on social subjects. Carries 250 periodicals. Open to the public; weekdays, 9 to 5.

(g) Other libraries in New York which can profitably be consulted by students of social problems are:

The New York Library, Forty-second Street and Fifth Avenue.
Missionary Research Library, 25 Madison Avenue, 9 to 5, weekdays.
Columbia University Library, Broadway at 116th.
Union Theological Seminary Library, Broadway at 120th.
American Association for Labor Legislation Library, 131 East 23d.
American Social Hygiene Association Library, 105 West 40th.
Municipal Reference Library, 512 Municipal Building.

It is needless to add that practically every city in the United States has a library or libraries specializing in this subject. It is also true that the great State Universities both East and West have departmental libraries on sociology.

B. The Publications of the Committee

(a) Perhaps the most important work assigned to the Committee has been the preparation of Study Books for individuals and groups, especially for the young people of our Church. The first of these little books appeared two years ago and is entitled "The Sunday Problem." In it, the Christian Lord's Day is contrasted with its ancient predecessor and its more modern substitutes. One of the high points in the argument is reached when it is said: "The modern Sunday is constantly pictured as a better, finer thing than the Puritan Blue Law Sabbath, but it is not fair to compare the modern Sunday with the Puritanic Blue Law Sabbath. It is essential to compare and contrast the modern Sunday with the Christian Lord's Day." And again it is asserted: "As a matter of fact, the Lord's Day becomes the type of what every day should be, for every day is holy unto God and His Christ."

(b) Our second Study Book, prepared by the Secretary of the Committee, is on the vital subject, "The Family." This book will not be ready until 1925. It is an admirable little book on a most timely subject. We desire to say for the benefit of those who do not know it that the author has been awarded his Doctorate in Philosophy by the University of Pennsylvania for post-graduate work in sociology. Hence he was specially fitted for the preparation of this book. The table of contents is here given to indi-

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cate to our constituency what may be expected: Ch. 1, The Family; Ch. 2, Marriage; Ch. 3, Factors in an Ideal Marriage; Ch. 4, Factors in an Ideal Marriage, con.; Ch. 5, Divorce; Ch. 6, Causes of Divorce; Ch. 7, Divorce Laws; Ch. 8, The Home; Ch. 9, The Training of the Child in Church and School; Ch. 10, The Family in Industry. We believe that a careful study of this little book will help our young people to a much saner appraisement of the whole subject than they are getting in current magazine articles.

(c) The compass of this report is too limited to indicate the many articles written by members of the Committee and by those co-operating with them, articles which have appeared during the biennium in the various weekly and more infrequent publications of the Church. In the third part of our report, paragraph 3 of section C, we say: "We shall be glad to transmit any information we may have to those who may care to know about literature on specified subjects."

(d) The members of our Committee, distributed over a wide territory, men whose vocational pursuits bring them into direct and constant contact with audiences, have taken themselves seriously as propagandists of the right sort. They have had many opportunities and have availed themselves of these opportunities to speak in no uncertain language in terms of the stewardship committed to them. We have had abundant testimony to the fact that an ever larger group of our pastors and laymen have endeavored to interpret the Word of God as it applies to the age in which we live and the problems which confront us.

(e) Church calendars have been used effectively in many parishes to bring to the attention of the constituency questions and facts in matters of moral and social welfare which need to be stressed repeatedly. A purely spiritual sermon with an intelligent use of printer's ink in its moral application to the needs of the hour has proved more effective than the not infrequent purely moral harangue of the reformer.

II. THE PROBLEMS IN THE FOREFRONT. DIAGNOSIS

A. The International Problems

One of the healthiest signs of the times is the fact that international problems are no longer viewed as questions which belong for settlement to a small group of diplomats, but as questions which must sooner or later be answered by every honest citizen interested in the brotherhood of man through Christ. No one who would think intelligently of world problems can do so without perusing the splendid July, 1924, number of the "Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science." There is a compact little "Handbook of the League of Nations" published by the World Peace Foundation, 40 Mt. Vernon Street, Boston, Mass., which can be had at five cents and is very helpful. We shall limit ourselves in this statement to three phases of the one international problem.

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(a) *War and Peace*: The first of the international problems now in the public eye and mind concerns the question of war and peace. Wherever conventions are being held this year, whether their background be religious or secular, national or provincial, this question is discussed and an expression of sentiment on it is injected into platforms and utterances. There is a healthy longing in all of these statements for a firmer understanding of the brotherhood of man, and for a share in this experience. It is quite natural that the expressions should vary greatly in their approach to the problem. Here, on the one hand, is the pronouncement of the ultrapacifist who believes that there must be the immediate and complete renunciation of the entire war system and the immediate overthrow of our economic social order, which is asserted to be the real reason for wars. The pacifist point of view is well stated by Mr. Kirby Page in "War, Its Causes, Consequences and Cure," and "The Sword or the Cross—An Examination of War in the Light of Jesus' Way of Life," both of which are published by the George H. Doran Company. As over against the literature of Mr. Page, we have the pamphlet by the Rev. James M. Gray, D.D., of the Moody Bible Institute, of Chicago. Mr. Page says: "We believe in the latent goodness of all peoples everywhere." Dr. Gray, in his pamphlet on "What the Bible Teaches About War," says: "War is a consequence of sin and a punishment for sin." Mr. Page says: "We will never again sanction or participate in any war." Dr. Gray says: "It sometimes becomes the duty of nations to declare war."

It is because war is a consequence of sin rather than sin in its incipiency that it leaves the patient prostrate and convalescent for many years. It is because the sin is that of the people and not that of the drafted soldiers only that the people cannot escape the more remote consequences of the sin. To declare unequivocally that "war is sin" is to declare that the powers that declare war are not ordained of God and have acted against conscience in their declaration. To assert that the pulpit, having espoused the cause of the nation during times of war, is hypocritical, if in subsequent times of peace it lends its voice to the destruction of war and the perpetuation of peace, is an unwarranted indictment of the consciences of Christian ministers. There is no greater paradox in this apparent inconsistency than there is in the entire paradoxical Gospel of Jesus Christ. We believe that we are morally bound to prevent war with all the strength that is ours. We cannot abolish war until we shall have found and started to apply its moral substitute. A World Court and other legal agencies are crutches which are needed to sustain the patient. The Christ alone can bid the patient discard the crutches.

(b) *Emigration*: Immigration is the national phase of the larger international problem of emigration. Emigration deals with the source. It deals also with the goal of national world service. How can any nation

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best serve the commonwealth of nations? We believe that as nations arrive at a greater consciousness of world service and consequent world stewardship, as they come to realize that nations cannot live unto themselves alone, but must live for the larger brotherhood, there must be born the conviction that certain immigration regulations are needed as at least temporary expedients to weld a national sense of unity of purpose. We believe, therefore, that restraints placed upon immigration are not only justifiable but necessary means to the end of world service and that the unrestricted permission of immigration is unworthy of the ideals of a nation which seeks to be Christian. Even the Old Testament makes clear the disapproval of unrestricted migrations and unrestricted matrimonial intercourse such as Israel at times practiced contrary to the commands of God. We are, therefore, in accord with the principle that restrictive laws must be passed, not from selfish or haughty or un-Christian motives, but because of what we believe to be our Christian duty and our Christian obligation toward the brotherhood of man. The nations abroad are naturally seeking at this juncture to hold their better nationals at home. We can and we ought to say to them the spirit of America is religious. Those who come to our shores must come as those who are loyal to this spirit, as those who will not antagonize this spirit, as those who will not seek to overthrow this spirit. The American Lord's Day is, for instances, a heritage, the value of which America alone seems to understand. It is peculiarly American, different from the Continental Lord's Day, different from the Scotch Sabbath, different from Sovietism's day of license. America is peculiarly a spirit, not a letter. America will never be saved through mere law enforcement. The Americanization program must be a program of America for world service through loyalty to the spirit of the fathers and their God.

(c) *Race*: What has just been said about emigration and immigration may help us to arrive at a sane estimate of the race problem. The Bible is very explicit in its teaching about the one blood of the brotherhood of man. It is also explicit in its survey of the manner in which differences have arisen among tribes and nations and have branded us with marks of descent from Shem, Ham and Japheth. Commerce in its sweeping, ruthless, onward march, unmindful of any reign but that of Mammon, has ignored both the rights and the limitations of race and has sought to solve the problem on the anvil of talking money. War, in its frenzy and in its inability to take time to solve the problem, has further complicated it. The Christian missionary, heroic and ready to make large sacrifices, has at times been forced into difficult positions on the field by fellow nationals whose only dream has been that of exploitation. The problem of race can be solved only by those who believe absolutely in the brotherhood of man in Christ and who view brotherhood as something more than a melting pot, something more than a melange, something

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that possesses tremendous supplementary potentialities. The solution of the race problem, as for instance it affects the white man and the negro, does not necessitate the mixed marriage as some would have us believe; it necessitates spiritual, not carnal, oneness. The world is ever in a state of flux. It needs the various races to lend it that completeness and that supplementary character which shall best serve to fulfill its manifold mission. The world needs more than a mongrel civilization, and this statement is made with no assumption that the white man always brings the blue blood to a mixed union. We believe, therefore, that nations do not act counter to the plans and purposes of God in writing an ennobling race legislation, which does not contradict the ideal of brotherhood, into their statute books.

B. The Domestic Problems

(a) *Law Enforcement*: The foremost of our domestic problems right now is that of law enforcement. Prohibition enforcement is simply one phase of a complicated and nasty situation, complicated because law enforcement has broken down all along the line, nasty because disclosures have implicated government officials and have shaken the confidence of the people in their government. The drastic measures assumed by the government have had a beneficial effect, but it is nevertheless true that we are not enforcing the law in our nation as it ought to be enforced. And it is equally true that much lawlessness that has nothing whatever to do with prohibition is being made to masquerade behind a bugaboo which has been created by friends of liquor. The need for more drastic enforcement of the law is a crying need of the hour. It is also true as suggested by one of our Judges in an Associated Press news item that we have carried the thought of pardon too far and have given the low-browed politicians a leverage which they are using with a vengeance. A careful examination of the record of pardons in your own State will prove a most revealing study in sociology, clearly indicating some of the channels of present-day lawlessness. The thing most needed today is a sane and Christian reaction from the abuses of a wrongly applied parole system. The police officer of today has every reason to be discouraged, if he is an honest official, sincerely desiring to serve his community. What we need is a higher regard for the law by lawyers themselves, a more rapid and more heroic functioning by many of our courts, and a willingness on the part of Christian citizens to cease being deliberate law breakers in business, in clubs and in their homes.

(b) *Morality Enforcement*: Of no less importance than the question of law enforcement. in fact, of much greater importance to every Christian, is the problem of morality enforcement—the enforcement of moral standards through no legal enactments, but solely through the conscience. Perhaps the average Christian would resent being charged with an immoral

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attitude toward society because of his willingness to let hands off or to let well enough alone. It is certainly true that far too many Christians are absolutely unmoral in their perspective of life. Somehow they have divorced spirituality and morality as social forces and the divorce has invariably led to a complacent and easily satisfied attitude toward personal morality. We cannot be true Christians unless we are willing and ready to smite our breasts as we say: "God be merciful to me a sinner." We are suffering today from an inability to get sufficiently relentless self-examinations.

The home is unquestionably directly responsible in the majority of instances for the startling lack of morality enforcement. Mothers must be held responsible, not Parisian modistes, for the kind of dresses their daughters wear. Mothers must be held responsible for painted and powdered faces and the unearthly hours their daughters are allowed to keep. Fathers must be held responsible for the gambling instincts of their sons, and the many "secret faults" which might have been anticipated through companionship and better example.

The big problem in industry now as ever is not that of rights, we have deliberately made it that; nor that of economics, we have made it that; the big problem in industry is how to secure morality enforcement. Industry will not be what it ought to be until both employers and employees shall be brought to see that they have both been too much interested in the wrong starting point. "The Acquisitive Society" is the very appropriate title of an English scholar's social findings. The employer and the employee must be persuaded to substitute the word "ought" based upon a worthy conception of brotherhood for the word "grab" based upon an unworthy conception of "the survival of the fittest." Public opinion must insist upon morality enforcement in industry.

(c) *Church and State*: The spiritual life of the Church must contribute in such an unconscious and spontaneous way to the legal life of the nation as to produce the moral welfare of the State. We believe wholeheartedly in the separation of Church and State. We also believe wholeheartedly in the exercise of the franchise by Christian citizens as citizens who have the highest welfare of the State at heart. Consciously or unconsciously, the Christian must have, subscribe to and practice a Christian creed in civics. The State is groping for light on the subject of its sovereignty and its authority, its limitations and its reaches. Social experts are today approaching a solution of the problem from the legal, the economic, the socialistic and false ecclesiastical points of view. Have we nothing to add to the solution of the problem?

(d) *Marriage and Divorce*: In 1916, there was one divorce for every 9.3 marriages. The most recent figures show one divorce for every 7.6. This increase becomes even more startling when we bear in mind that during the same period there has been a decided falling off in the number

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of marriages. Judge J. D. Harvey, of Houston, Texas, recently established a new record by granting 212 divorces in 243 minutes. A New York attorney who "has not made a specialty of divorces, but divorce cases have made a specialty of him," has published a pamphlet in which he advocates a divorce law so liberal we wonder why some people advocate marriage at all. The pamphlet contains a complete compilation of the marriage and divorce laws of the States and territories of the United States. Judge J. Willis Martin, of Philadelphia, calling attention to the 300 per cent increase in divorces in his city since 1913, issues a strong indictment of "the divorce mania." He says, among other things: "In many instances both parties to the divorce have other partners in wait for them, so that there are cases where husbands and wives are merely exchanged." In one instance recently, a manufacturer conceived the idea of stealing a body, placing it in his bungalow, setting fire to the bungalow and eloping with his stenographer without so much as the semblance of a divorce, to gratify his low impulses. The charred skeleton found in the bungalow was actually buried as his body and he eluded detection for several years. Here again we are compelled to return to our premise concerning morality enforcement. The problem of marriage and divorce is infinitely more than a legal problem and can never be adjudicated or settled as a legal problem. Marriage is more than a civil contract. The civil contract is not the first step in marriage. Before marriage is a civil contract, it is a covenant. In this covenant God is either recognized or ignored. In Christian marriage God must be recognized. In marriage we covenant to subordinate individual rights to mutual helpfulness and forbearance. The marriage covenant is an agreement on the part of both man and woman "for better or worse." Love and happiness are ideals to be sought in marriage, rather than realities, the absence of which voids marriage. The marriage ceremony is the sealing of the original covenant with the authorization of the State and the benediction of the Church. There can be but one cause for more than a separation and the deliberate connivance of unscrupulous mismated individuals to produce that one cause has raised the question in the minds of the High Church party in England whether divorce is ever justifiable.

(e) *Motion Pictures*: The motion picture has become a tremendous factor for weal or woe in our modern social complex. The saloon was often characterized as "the poor man's club." The motion-picture house has gotten to be "the universal club." It reaches men, women and children of every social station and holds and grips them. It gives them new ideas and ideals. It descends from the mountain top of Sinai with its "Ten Commandments" and the University Heights with splendid series of educational and historical pictures to the frolicking of the prodigal son and his wallowing among the swine. One and the same picture is oftentimes sublime and stupid, moral and immoral, chaste and lewd. To those

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who are interested in studying the subject we commend the "Catechism on Motion Pictures," by Canon William Sheafe Chase, D.D., of Brooklyn, N. Y., or the recent investigations conducted by "Collier's Weekly," finding expression in a series of articles, the concluding article asserting that "the greater and all-enveloping evil of the movies is that they are teaching our children false ideas and ideals." The Citizens' League of Maryland for Better Motion Pictures, has issued a pamphlet entitled, "Principles of Film Censorship," by the President of the British Board of Film Censors. There is pending in Congress the so-called "Upshaw Motion Picture Regulation Bill, H. R. 6821," a copy of which can be secured from your Congressman. This bill justly seeks to deal with the motion picture at the source of production, and not as a censorship of the finished product. It seeks to free the industry from the stranglehold of a few men with purely commercial instincts who are even now charged by the Federal Trade Commission with conspiring to form a trust, contrary to law.

We would urge our constituency whenever it sees a really good picture to write about it in commendatory terms to the local management and also to the producers, and on the other hand, we would urge our people whenever they see a picture that contains immoral features to protest to the management and the owners of local houses at which the picture is shown and also to convey their protest in writing to the producers. The specious argument of the local management, "We must take what they send us," must be met with the counter-argument of personal responsibility. We believe that the overwhelming majority of American citizens desire clean pictures and helpful pictures, pictures that present worthy ideals. We also believe that this majority is too slothful to state its desires, hence the ability of immoral men to foist immoral pictures upon the youth of the land.

III. THE WORK OF THE COMING BIENNIUM. PROGNOSIS

A. Intensified Study: Systematized and Apportioned

Our report thus far has sought to show what has been accomplished and what are the problems in the forefront. There is, of course, very much to be accomplished in the new biennium. Our efforts thus far have very necessarily been rudimentary. We are now ready to ask those who are specially interested in one or the other of the great moral and social welfare problems to join, with members of the Committee to whom special research is to be delegated, in the intensive study of these problems. It is our earnest hope and desire that a meeting of the Committee shall be held as soon after this convention as possible, at which time the subjects to be studied contemporaneously and the leaders of the various groups will be decided upon. It is furthermore hoped that a somewhat detailed minute of this meeting will be printed by *The Lutheran* in order that our entire

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constituency may be informed where to turn for definite information on questions which need solution.

B. Proposed Publications

(a) The Committee has keenly felt the need of a study book which shall be the first of a series of study books, because of its treatment of the entire question of "The Christian Life." This book is to set forth in a nutshell the relationship between the spiritual and the moral life and the relationship between individual questions and the whole problem of life. The Rev. Dr. E. E. Fischer, Professor of Apologetics and Ethics at the Philadelphia Seminary, has been asked to proceed with the preparation of this book. The tentative outline indicates its great scope: Ch. 1, The Beginning of the Christian Life; Ch. 2, The Development of the Christian Life; Ch. 3, The Characteristics, Content, and Manifestations of the Christian Life; Ch. 4, Christian Self Love; Ch. 5, The Love of Others; Ch. 6, The Christian in the Family; Ch. 7, The Christian in the Church; Ch. 8, The Christian Citizen; Ch. 9, The Christian in Industry; Ch. 10, The Christian and the Kingdom of God.

(b) The intensified study indicated above is to bear fruit in various series of articles, among them a series for *The Lutheran,* which will place at the disposal of our constituency valuable material long before such material can be made available in the form of study books.

(c) In this series and in all our research work we shall seek to interest others than members of the Committee, recognizing the vastness of the field and the intelligent interest in it of many who are not members of the Committee. We welcome individual effort and invite suggestions.

C. The Christian Conference on Life and Work

There is to be held in the city of Stockholm, Sweden, in 1925, a Christian Conference on Life and Work. Archbishop Soederblom is the sponsor of the Conference. We believe that the time is ripe for such a conference, but in order that it may be truly worth while we must indicate a real interest in its outcome. We believe that the Committee on Moral and Social Welfare can bring a very real contribution to the Conference, and we also believe that the Conference will be helpful to our Committee in its work as that work projects itself into the new biennium.

D. The Office of the Secretary a Clearing House

Your Committee has no salaried Secretary. It has, however, requested the Secretary, in so far as possible, to permit his office to become a clearing house in matters pertaining to its work.

(a) We need a constantly revised list of names of persons in the various parts of our territory who are qualified to speak on social questions and

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willing to do so without thought of compensation other than their legitimate expenses.

(b) We need as complete as possible a file of local church calendars which stress moral and social problems in pithy paragraphs. We desire from time to time to supply our pastors with helpful suggestions and in order to do so, we must have the co-operation of those who have tried out suggestions and won out in their presentation.

(c) We shall be glad to transmit any information we may have to those who may care to know about literature on specified subjects.

CONCLUSION: RESOLUTIONS PROPOSED BY THE COMMITTEE

(1) Our recognition of the sinfulness of the human heart in every age must not deter us, but rather stir within us the holy purpose of re-studying the Word of God, the better to apply its principles to ourselves and to the age in which we live.

(2) We recognize the importance of mutual study and conference and hence welcome the announcement of the holding of a "Christian Conference on Life and Work" at Stockholm in 1925.

(3) We petition the United Lutheran Church to send representatives to this Conference, of whom the President of the United Lutheran Church shall be one.

(4) We gratefully acknowledge the co-operation of the Publication Board in making possible the study books which are being furnished the Church by the Committee and ask that our pastors note the appearance of these books in their calendars and use their best endeavors to introduce the study books in such ways and through such channels as may to them seem most fitting.

(5) We believe the constant inculcation of the Christian standard of morality to be peculiarly the task of the Christian Church. We would, therefore, urge an unsparing self-examination on the part of parents, employers and employees, and Christian citizens in the discharge of their civic responsibilities.

(6) We believe that the time has come when the United Lutheran Church should express itself clearly upon the relationship of Church and State, to offset false ideas and ideals, and, therefore, recommend that the United Lutheran Church authorize the President thereof to appoint a committee which shall prepare a statement on this important subject.

(7) In the matter of prohibition enforcement, we repeat and reprint the resolution passed by the United Lutheran Church in convention at Buffalo in 1922:

"Concerning the problem which has been created by those who in an unlawful way are seeking to invalidate the law of the United States in the matter of prohibition enforcement, we would call attention to the constant necessity of enforcement laws on the part of Congress to render

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all constitutional provisions effective. It is the duty of loyal citizens everywhere within the United States to abide by constitutional provisions and the laws passed by Congress relating to their enforcement."

(8) We believe that the time has come when it is necessary to stress the fact that nationalism and internationalism are not mutually exclusive terms, that patriotism and the love of other nations and races are complementary, that the processes employed by and within the nation to secure justice, peace and stability must be employed in an ever-increasing measure in the intercourse between nations, that the arbitrament of arms must yield in an ever larger degree to the arbitrament of reason, of law and of Christian love, and that to this end Christian citizens are pledged as such to exert every effort, through the establishment of some effective agency, to further justice and good will in their own country and in the commonwealth of nations. We believe that the Lutheran World Convention can contribute materially to the furtherance of world peace and petition it to consider this problem.

Holding these fundamental principles we recognize the fact that sin is still in the world and that nations might be unwarrantably incited to attack and invade our nation and therefore we believe that in accordance with the teaching of Article XVI of the Augsburg Confession and Article I of the Constitution of the United States, Christians may engage in just war and act as soldiers.

(9) In reference to the statement concerning motion pictures, we recognize the evil that is produced by suggestive, lewd and immoral pictures, and we believe that it is the duty of the Christian Church to protest against the same. In order to make such protest effective, we recommend that careful surveys be made in various centers and where such a survey shows conditions such as are referred to, that protests, with the facts secured, be presented to the Governor of the State in which such surveys shall have been made. We recommend, that the Committee on Moral and Social Welfare be hereby authorized to act in accordance with this resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

E. P. PFATTEICHER, *For the Committee.*

Items 1 and 2 of the report were adopted.

Item 3 was referred to the Executive Board in conjunction with other matter so referred bearing on the same subject.

Item 4 was adopted.

Moved and carried, That Item 5 be amended by substituting the words "the Christian standard" for the word "standards." The item was then referred back to the Committee for further consideration and report.

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Items 6 and 7 were adopted.

It was moved and carried to reconsider the resolution adopted Friday afternoon relating to Item 8 of the report of the Committee on Moral and Social Welfare.

It was then moved and carried to amend the resolution of Friday so as to read as follows: That if at the end of the thirty minutes assigned for the discussion of Item 8, the Convention is not ready to agree upon some resolution, the whole matter be referred back to the Committee on Moral and Social Welfare and that a representative of each resolution proposed shall have the privilege of a hearing.

The resolution was adopted as amended.

The Chairman of the Committee on Moral and Social Welfare then requested the privilege to withdraw Item 8 in its original form and to substitute the following:

"We believe that the time has come when it is necessary to stress the fact that nationalism and internationalism are not mutually exclusive terms, that patriotism and the love of other nations and races are complementary, that the processes employed by and within the nation to secure justice, peace and stability must be employed in an ever-increasing measure in the intercourse between nations, that the arbitrament of arms must yield in an ever larger degree to the arbitrament of reason, of law and of Christian love, and that to this end Christian citizens are pledged as such to exert every effort, through the establishment of some effective agency, to further justice and good will in their own country and in the commonwealth of nations. We believe that the Lutheran World Convention can contribute materially to the furtherance of world peace and petition it to consider this problem.

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Dr. Manhart, Chairman of the Committee on Memorials from Constituent Synods, read, for the information of the Convention, memorials received from the Synod of New York and New England, the Iowa Synod and the Ministerium of Pennsylvania.

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Several resolutions were then proposed as substitutes for the resolution of the Committee. The discussion which ensued followed the arrangement adopted Friday afternoon.

The time for discussion having passed, a motion to adopt the substitute Item 8, as proposed by the Committee, was carried.

By request of the Chairman of the Committee on Moral and Social Welfare, permission was given to Mr. W. H. Hager to present the following which was adopted as Item 9 of the Committee's report:

"In reference to the statement concerning motion pictures, we recognize the evil that is produced by suggestive, lewd and immoral pictures, and we believe that it is the duty of the Christian Church to protest against the same. In order to make such protest effective, we recommend that careful surveys be made in various centers and where such a survey shows conditions such as are referred to, that protests, with the facts secured, be presented to the Governor of the State in which such surveys shall have been made. We recommend that the Committee on Moral and Social Welfare be hereby authorized to act in accordance with this resolution."

The Rev. A. J. Turkle presented the report of the Board of Education.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Fathers and Brethren: Your Board of Education takes great satisfaction in presenting the subjoined report of its work for the past biennium. This satisfaction grows out of the consciousness of the manifold blessings of the great Head of the Church, upon the Fundamental, educational department of the Church's activities, with the serving of which this Board is charged by the Church. A perusal of the details of the departmental reports will at once convince of the gracious leadership and benediction of Him who said: "Go—Teach."

By increased support may His Church enable our Board still further to enlarge and strengthen its blessed services to the schools and the youth of the Church in the coming biennium.

I—Matters of Record

Organization

The Advisory members for the past biennium have been:

From the Women's Missionary Society:

Miss Sarah Van Gundy, Washington, D. C.

Mrs. W. F. Morehead, Salem Va.

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From the Augustana Synod:

Prof. George M. Stephenson, of the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis.

The following officers were elected by the Board for the biennium:

President, Rev. Alonzo J. Turkle, D.D.
Vice-president, Rev. George J. Gongaware, D.D.
Recording Secretary, Rev. Howard R. Gold.
Treasurer, Mr. John M. Snyder.

The Executive Staff for the work of the Board is as follows:

Departmental Secretaries

Miss Mary E. Markley, Women Students,
437 Fifth Avenue, New York City.
Assistant, Miss Mathilde Peper.
Rev. Carolus P. Harry, Students in State Universities,
210 W. Fornance St., Norristown, Pa.
Rev. Charles S. Bauslin, D.D., College Secretary,
Evangelical Building, Harrisburg, Pa.
Rev. Frederick G. Gotwald, D.D., Executive Secretary,
47 E. Market Street, York, Pa.

In addition to the officers the following were elected members of the Executive Committee:

Rev. A. Steimle, D.D.
Rev. J. H. Harms, D.D.
W. T. Stauffer, Esq.

To take the place of Mr. E. Hokanson, Milwaukee, Wis., who declined his election by the Buffalo Convention, the Board nominated and the Executive Board elected William J. Showalter, Sc.D., Associate Editor of *The Geographic Magazine*, Washington, D. C., as a member of the Board for the term expiring in 1928.

On June 20, 1924, the Board suffered a great loss in the death of one of its most capable, zealous and distinguished members, Rev. Dr. Huber Gray Buehler, Headmaster of the Hotchkiss School, Lakeville, Conn.

The nominations of the Board for the terms which expire at this Convention are the following:

To fill the unexpired term of William J. Showalter, Sc.D.

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To fill the unexpired term of four years of the late Dr. Buehler:
Rev. Prof. Hugo C. M. Wendel, Ph.D., New York City.

For the full terms of six years:
Rev. R. D. Clare, D.D.
Rev. W. F. Hoppe, D.D.
Rev. E. P. Pfatteicher, D.D.
Rev. A. Steimle, D.D.
Mr. W. H. Stackel
G. M. Cummings, Esq.
Augustus S. Downing, LL.D.

The Saskatoon Building Appeal

During the biennium several appeals by correspondence were made in the hope of completing the $50,000 authorized by the Washington Convention. The result has not been all that was desired, but receipts of over $19,000 have been added to this greatly needed fund. The beautiful new building is now completed and in use, but at least the balance of nearly $11,000 of the desired amount is still most imperatively needed for adequate equipment and the removel of the remaining $8,000 debt on the property.

The Women's College

Since the last Convention further steps have been taken toward the establishment of a College for Women under the auspices of our Church. The Board of Education has been co-operating with the ten Synods interested in the enterprise and since the inception of the movement has kept in touch with the sentiment for a Women's College, lending every possible encouragement and aid. The following will be of interest and will show that definite progress has been made:

As a result of investigations referred to in our last report the Joint Committee decided, March 20, 1923, to report its findings to the several interested Synods, and to make certain recommendations. Briefly, the findings of the Committee were to the effect that a Women's College ought to be founded as soon as possible, and it recommended to the Synods that they approve the founding of such an institution, the college to be of standard grade, to be controlled by a Board of Directors to be elected by the Synods co-operating, and to be located in the best place available in the judgment of the Board. The Committee also recommended that the Synods agree that, in view of the delay which would probably occur before attaining the goal which had been set, namely, a College for Women built according to the most modern methods of construction, grouping, and adaptability for college uses, and in view also of the present great demand for the organization of such a

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college for women as soon as possible and the possibility of immediate patronage by the Lutheran young women on the territory named, and elsewhere, the Board of Directors be authorized to rent or purchase an existing institution or property and proceed at once to organize a college for the education of our young women. The Committee also recommended the laying of an apportionment for the support of the institution and suggested a basis for the election of directors.

Several Synods responded promptly and a Board of Directors was organized in Philadelphia February 7, 1924. At this meeting it was decided that "the permanent location of the proposed college should be in a metropolitan district." A form of charter and a constitution for the college were also adopted, and these are now being submitted to the Synods for approval. The following Synods, representing a confirmed membership of about five hundred thousand are interested: East Pennsylvania, West Pennsylvania, Maryland, Ministerium of Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, New York, New York and New England, Allegheny and Susquehanna of Central Pennsylvania. It is expected that during the coming biennium the Board of Directors will be able to take definite action on the location of the college and to adopt measures to organize and finance it in a manner worthy of its object.

Co-operation in Education

Little progress has been made in the plan for co-operation in education with the United Norwegian Lutheran Church in the Northwest and on the Pacific Coast. Plans are now pending for such co-operation at Parkland College.

Co-operation in University Student Work with the Augustana Synod has continued happily, with ever increasing possibilities for mutual service. The recent Augustana Convention graciously renewed their annual appropriation of $2,000 for our Board for this department. The University Student Department has also reached a working understanding with the United Norwegian Lutheran Church.

Plans are practically completed for co-operation with the Icelandic Synod of America in its Academy at Winnipeg, Manitoba, through an annual appropriation of $2,000 toward its budget.

Gifts

Special appeals for annuity gifts have been made during the biennium with considerable success, the splendid result of $38,000 having been achieved for this laudable form of benevolence.

A bequest of $500 was received from the late Mrs. Hannah Hankey, of New Kensington, Pa., widow of the late Rev. Dr. Hankey, to be used for Ministerial Education. In accepting this gift the Board made

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it the nucleus of a permanent trust fund for this purpose and decided to apply to this fund all future gifts not designated for other purposes.

Literature

The departments have, of course, issued their specific literature for their respective objectives. In addition the Board has published for free circulation throughout the Church the following:

Report of Joint Committee on Women's College.
Annuity Appeals.
Service and Teachers' Bulletin, No. 3.
"Christian Theology and Modern Science"—Dr. L. F. Gruber.
"Value of the Observance of the Church Year"—Secretary Gotwald.
"History of Higher Education for Lutheran Women"—Secretary Markley.
"Aims in College Education"—Pres. R. E. Tulloss.
"Science and Revelation: Do They Conflict?"—Dr. L. F. Gruber.
"Your Church at Work," in collaboration with the other Boards.

Breklum-Kropp Graduates

The report of Director Rohnert of Kropp Seminary conveys the gratifying information that during the past biennium there have been realized the first fruits of the Washington Convention Agreement, on the basis of which we have been aiding the Breklum-Kropp schools. In view of their desperate financial needs, caused by the disorganized economic state of Germany and the consequent falling off in gifts to these schools from German sources, the Board has increased its appropriation for the year beginning June 1, 1924. An appeal for aid toward this increase has recently been issued jointly with the Northwestern Mission Board to all graduates of these two schools who are now laboring in the United Lutheran Church in America. In addition to the six graduates who have come during the biennium three more will probably come in September. Thus, in four years, there will have been nine recruits in our American Seminaries for the last two years of their training for bilingual work in this country.

The six students and their Seminaries are as follows:

Karl Schindler, Mt. Airy.
Hans Simoleit, Gettysburg.
Kurt Molzahn, Susquehanna.
Otto Heick, Wittenberg (Hamma)
Karl F. Schultze, Saskatoon.
William Kraft, Saskatoon.

The three to come here in September have been assigned as follows:

Rudolph Krey, Wittenberg (Hamma).
Otto Zbinden, Gettysburg.
Gustav Kupse, Chicago.

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The transportation expenses have been shared by the Board and the Seminaries. The Washington agreement contained no provision for this item of the plan.

Northwestern and Pacific Seminaries

The Buffalo Convention adopted the report of the Survey Commission, approving its findings, among other matters, relative to the locations of the Northwestern Seminary and the Pacific Seminary.

Since that Convention the Synod of the Northwest has taken no further action on this matter.

The Pacific Synod has, however, taken action to the effect that it could not do otherwise than adhere to the position unanimously adopted by the Synod in the 1922 Convention in favor of a permanent location of the Pacific Seminary at Seattle, the reasons for which are fully stated in their Statement of Position presented at Buffalo.

II—Reports of Departments

A—Department for Women Students

Correlation and Co-operation.—This Department functions wherever women students of our Church are found. It, therefore, co-operates with the Department of Institutions on United Lutheran campuses and with the University Department of non-Lutheran co-educational campuses. Only in women's colleges located in places without a Lutheran Church has this Department no direct contact with other phases of our student work. And even on such campuses the co-operation with the Lutheran Student Association of America helps to bind our work into one unified whole.

To the Women's Missionary Society of the United Lutheran Church this Department is much indebted for most generous financial assistance on the annual budget. Still more valuable has been the assistance given through the annual census-taking of students in the local congregations which this year gave us, through the Synodical Student Secretaries, the names of 2,200 women students and 2,300 men students. The most valuable contribution has been the general and growing interest aroused by these Student Secretaries in all questions relating to the student and the Church in local congregations, local Student Commitees, Lutheran Women's Leagues, as well as in Conference and Synodical Missionary Conventions. At the latter the secretaries of this Department have frequently been invited to speak to large audiences of women.

The fact that since April, 1922, the Secretary for Women Students has been a member of the Candidate Committee of the Executive Board of the Women's Missionary Society makes her work more challenging. The appeal for Christian service in homeland and foreign countries can

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be made in person to the young women who, because of increasing educational requirements, can alone undertake such service. The women students who in the past few years have offered themselves to their Church have been educated in State and denominational colleges and universities, as well as in Lutheran Colleges.

Advisory Group.—The committee of the Board of Education which is especially charged with the work of the Department for Women Students will soon have available the thinking of a group of women educators who are closely in touch with the Church. The group will include deans of women at a State university and a Lutheran college, faculty members at a normal school and a municipal college, and a woman nationally known in student work.

Scholarship and Loan Fund for Women.—This fund goes back to May, 1921, when the first gift of a $1,000 bond was received. A second gift of the same amount has since been invested and smaller gifts have been available for immediate use. Several girls preparing for Church work have been assisted according to their pressing needs. If the fund grew more rapidly it would be possible to remove some of the present necessary restrictions and to serve more students.

Student Conferences.—To the summer conferences held by College Y. W. C. A. students at Silver Bay, N. Y., Eagles Mere, Pa., Blue Ridge, N. C., and Lake Geneva, Wis., this Department has sent its secretaries, or representatives, who have in several cases taken integral parts in the programs. Among the students of our Church met at these conferences are some of the leaders in Christian activities on their respective campuses. The Secretary for Women Students, as the delegate from the Council of Church Boards of Education, in April, attended the National Student Assembly of the Y. W. C. A. To this convention the Lutheran Student Association of America, upon invitation, sent as a delegate a student at Barnard College.

The Department has been privileged to be part of the regional conferences for Lutheran students held the past two years at Gettysburg College, at Wittenberg College, at the University of Pennsylvania, and at Newberry College. The opportunity to help arrange for the student Conference held at Augustana College, at which time approximately 75 men and women students from 45 different institutions formed the Lutheran Student Association of America, was much appreciated. This conference marks a distinct advance on the part of students in regard to their responsibility to their Church.

Student Volunteer Convention.—The ninth international convention of the Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions held at Indianapolis, December, 1923, was attended by all of the Secretaries of the Board of Education. The gatherings of Lutheran students at the First Lutheran Church on Sunday afternoon, and again on Monday evening at the supper hour, were the largest and most representative church

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student meetings ever held. The entire group of Lutheran men and women numbered more than 300 and came from 109 different academic institutions, 37 of them Lutheran. In the group there were secretaries of the Boards of Foreign Missions, missionaries on furlough, missionaries under appointment, and student volunteers from practically every great body of the Lutheran Church. In addition to the meetings referred to above, at which invited Church speakers were heard, there was a well attended early Sunday Communion. Many students had personal interviews with secretaries with whom they have since been corresponding.

Visits.—During the past biennium the Secretary of this Department and her associate, Miss Peper, have visited groups of students from 256 campuses in 20 different States—Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Nebraska, Iowa and Kansas. The number of different student groups that have been personally visited since the beginning of the work of this Department, in 1919, is close to 300. In the case of large middle western State universities and the large colleges for women in the east the visits were made conjointly with student secretaries of other denominations. In such visits the coordinating agency for the men secretaries is the Council of Church Boards of Education, and for the women secretaries the Federated Student Committee, which is composed of women working with students under the direction of any of the denominations belonging to the Federation of Women's Boards of Foreign Missions, Council of Women for Home Missions, and Council of Church Boards of Education, or under the direction of the Young Women's Christian Association, Student Volunteer Movement, and Student Fellowship of Christian Life Service. In all visits the method is much the same; every effort is made to meet the local pastor and a church group and to have a group meeting of our Church students which is followed by as many personal calls and interviews as time will permit. In many cases individual correspondence concerning problems connected with the Church result and regular follow-up messages are sent annually to all students who have evinced a desire to enter Christian service and to those who are graduating.

B—Department of Religious Work in State Universities

Regional Organization.—The Regional Organization reported at the last meeting of the United Lutheran Church functioned with great satisfaction to the Board. The busy pastors who so generously helped us to get into touch with the groups of students in their regions did their work very efficiently. Several of them have asked to be relieved of this additional burden. As the University Secretary is now in touch with

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practically the whole field, it is possible to relieve these men without injury to the work. Two regions west of the Mississippi will be continued under the direction of the Regional Secretaries, namely:

Kansas-Nebraska-Oklahoma-Missouri region, Rev. N. D Goehring. University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas.

Colorado-Wyoming-New Mexico region, Rev. O. F. Weaver, University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado.

With other parts of the country the University Secretary himself will keep in direct touch.

Western Trip.—In order to become thoroughly acquainted with the entire field, the University Secretary spent the autumn months of 1923 in visiting the universities and colleges in the far west. The results of the trip have justified the time spent. It has made possible far more effective work by our pastors in the University of Washington and the University of California than had been done up to that time. It has also revealed that the primary responsibility for student work in the northern tier of States lies with the pastors of the Augustana Synod and of the Norwegian Lutheran Church.

Synodical Committees.—At the suggestion of a group of pastors doing student work in colleges and normal school towns, the Board of Education has requested the Synods of the United Lutheran Church to appoint standing committees on Lutheran students in non-Lutheran educational institutions. In general the purposes of these committees are:

1. To see to it that the names of students are forwarded to the secretaries or the pastors through the proper channels.
2. To make recommendations to Synod for assistance to weak congregations in student communities.
3. To co-operate with the University Department and the Department for Women Students of the Board of Education and the Student Department of the Synodical Women's Missionary Society, especially in
(a) planning and executing plans for work with students on the territory of Synod;
(b) suggesting suitable pastors for congregations in student centers through the proper authorities of Synod.
4. To secure special contributions from congregations or individuals for student work on the territory of Synod

Pastors of other Lutheran Synods not officially connected with the United Lutheran Church are working with students at a number of points. The Secretary of this Department has been in correspondence with many of them.

Seminary Visits.—Through the courtesy of the Presidents of the Seminaries of the United Lutheran Church in America, it was possible for the Secretary, or a representative of this Department, to visit almost all of the Seminaries. Opportunity was given to speak to the senior

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classes in most instances and in some instances to the entire student body on the nature and methods of work among students and its place in the Church. The courtesy with which these visits were received is deeply appreciated. The Secretary personally visited the following seminaries: Philadelphia, Susquehanna, Gettysburg, Hamma, Waterloo, Chicago, Southern, Northwestern and Pacific.

Extent of the Work.—The Department for Women Students and this Department, working together, are in correspondence with the colleges and State normal schools listed in the Educational Directory of the United States Bureau of Education and with all university and provincial normal schools in Canada.

We are co-operating with one hundred and fifty local pastors, assisting them in discharging their responsibilities to students in their communities.

Conferences.—1. A Conference of pastors working with students was held in Chicago in January, 1923, attended by our pastors from the Mississippi Valley. A similar conference was held in Philadelphia in January, 1924, attended by pastors in the eastern States, beginning with Virginia. Both conferences went on record endorsing the following theses:

The primary agent in ministering to students is the congregation.

We do not seek primarily to render to students pastoral service, but to relate them to the life of the local congregation

The pastor must have the co-operation of the members of the congregation in receiving students from sister congregations into the fellowship of their worship, their work and their families.

The primary responsibility for Lutheran students in any community rests upon the Lutheran congregation or congregations in the community.

The Synod, of which the congregations are a part, is responsible for assisting the congregations in ministering to the students in the community.

The entire United Lutheran Church has recognized its responsibility for Lutheran students and through the Board of Education is prepared to render assistance to Synods and congregations in discharging their responsibilities to the students on their territories.

2. The Secretary attended the Conference of the Lutheran Student Association of America, the first general conference of which was held at Rock Island, Ill., April 13-15, 1923. This Association is the outgrowth of an invitation extended the Lutheran students of America by the Brotherhood of America in connection with their Convention held in Toledo in May, 1922. The students, while there, organized the Association and called their first conference at Rock Island.

The Secretary attended the following Regional Conferences of the Lutheran Student Association of America:

Ohio Valley, Springfield, Ohio;

Mississippi Valley, University of Wisconsin, Madison;

North Atlantic, Gettysburg, 1923; University of Pennsylvania, 1924;

Southern, Newberry College, Newberry, S. C.;

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A Conference was also held at the University of Kansas, where our Regional Secretary, Rev. N. D. Goehring, was present.

Regional Conferences were held, one at Fargo, North Dakota, 1923, and one at the University of North Dakota, Grank Forks, 1924; both were attended by our Regional Secretary and pastors in that region.

The Lutheran Student Association of America is an autonomous student movement. The Board's Secretaries have been glad to respond to the students' requests for advice and help in carrying on their work.

3. Student Volunteer Quadrennial Convention, Indianapolis. A full account of the Convention will be found under the report of the Department for Women Students. All the Secretaries of the Board were present and had a fine opportunity for meeting students and working with them.

4. Y. M. C. A. Summer Conferences. During the past two years the Board of Education has sent its Regional Secretaries or Student Pastors to the various Y. M. C. A. Conferences where Lutheran students are in attendance. The general trend of these conferences is ethical rather than evangelical. They have been dealing very largely in social-economic problems. They are very stimulating to students. It is highly important that our representatives be present to assist our students in properly relating the inspiration they gather there to the work of the Church.

International Y. M. C. A. Convention, Atlantic City, November, 1922.—The Secretary was the official visitor of the University Committee of the Council of Church Boards of Education at that Convention. He is glad to report that the Convention was outspokenly in favor of larger co-operation with the churches, particularly in student work, and that in general the attitude of the majority of the delegates was evangelical.

Literature Published.—During the biennium, this Department of the Board has published the following literature:

Living the Life;
Bill-to-Bob;
Bill-to-Bob Again;
The Lutheran Church and Modern Religious Life;
Why Lutherans Should Do Religious Work Among Students;
Devotional Folders—Christ is Risen;
Go Ye Into All the World;
The Iniquity of Us All;

What to Do;
Helping the Student.

Better Churches Needed.—The Board would call the attention of the Church to the need for greatly increased equipment at certain important centers. The Board has already authorized its University Committee

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to proceed, in co-operation with Synodical authorities and the Home Mission Board, in an attempt to secure more adequate Church buildings and equipment which shall more truly represent the United Lutheran Church to the thousands of students of our Church and other churches in attendance at these universities and colleges. It is a striking fact that, with few exceptions, Lutheran Churches have been planted apparently without regard to the necessity of ministering to Lutheran students and that, in many instances, their equipment is entirely inadequate and fails to represent the great Church of which they are a part. A list of seven places most needing this improvement was brought to the Board's attention at its last regular meeting.

The Secretary.—The Secretary of this Department during the biennium has been privileged to meet nearly five hundred Lutheran students in personal interviews. He has addressed in convocations, or other large gatherings, between four and five thousand Lutheran students. He has met in committee meetings and other small group conferences approximately one thousand Lutheran students. During the same period, he has been in personal consultation with two hundred and fifty pastors and other Lutherans interested in working with students.

The Department would like to call attention to the fact that the work of its Secretary is not merely administrative but, in a very real and broad sense, a pastoral office in which intimate contacts are formed with students in many parts of the country and skilled guidance given both in personal problems and in those relating to the work of groups of students and their faithfulness to Christ and the Church.

C—Department of Recruiting for the Ministry

Keeping the Church reminded of its sacred duty to provide a continuing stream of youth offering themselves for the holy office of the gospel ministry and rendering personal service to scores of these prospective youth has engaged the thought and energy of this Department and its special committee. Every part of its program which has been developed and expanded is receiving minute attention year by year, with a broad definite goal of an adequate ministry, both in quantity and quality, always in sight.

Letters, leaflets, programs, pageants, articles and advertisements sent out from the headquarters of this Department clearly set forth the scope, the purpose and the urgency of the work and appeal for interest, prayers, active assistance and co-operation.

A survey of the United Lutheran Churh to determine the vacant pastorates was conducted in April, 1924. This survey has disclosed vacant pastorates to the number of 236, approximately. Estimates here are based on the latest Minutes of Synod and also on the official reports of officers of Synods. While there are at present but 236 vacancies as

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over against 243 in the former biennium, the net gain is so small as to be practically negligible. The loss in the ministry by death during the biennium was 121. We also record herewith the death rate for the past two bienniums by years, which has never before been shown:

For 1920	49
For 1921	46
For 1922	41
For 1923	56
For 1924 (to July)	24
	216

This demonstrates that the loss by death per year approximates 50. with a continuing number retiring from active service by reason of disability, age, etc. The Home Mission Board has indicated that on a very conservative basis they should enter at least one hundred new fields annually for the next five years. A survey by districts shows than an average of 65 new missions should be established per year reasonably to meet the challenge; and that a minimum of 45 must be planted to measure up at all to the most pressing opportunities. Illustrative figures for the five-year period are as follows—the first column indicating what should be done and the second is almost mandatory:

Eastern District	110	80
Southern District	70	40
Central District	110	80
Western District	35	25
	325	225

Our Board of Foreign Missions states that 39 persons are needed in the foreign fields immediately, as ordained ministers, evangelists, educators, physicians and nurses.

It is evident that the paramount need of the Church today may still be said to be "Men for the Ministry"—a sufficient number of able young men to take the place of the faithful veterans who have been promoted to higher service and to overtake the vast destitution that abounds on every hand.

It has been surprising to some and gratifying to all to know to what an extent different quarters of the Church and different organizations have become interested in the various phases of this work. The program itself in conducting the work of life enlistment has embraced the plan as here follows:

(A) Letters and leaflets to thousands of choice youth.
(B) Arousing the Church to pray the Lord of the harvest, by preparing literature for addresses, programs, etc.

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(C) Providing worthy literature for parents, pastors, teachers, etc., as vocational counsellors.
(D) Sending out Board Secretaries and "Recruiting Agents"—
(a) To assist boys and girls in schools colleges and universities to discover God's plan for their lives.
(b) To improve the conditions surrounding our student growth, such as encouragement of and guidance in student religious organizations, etc.
(c) To assist in conferences of young people.
(E) Enlisting the interest, prayer and active assistance of the Women's Missionary Society, Luther League, Brotherhood, Laymen's Movement, etc., in solving by prayer and interest the great problems of life work as faced by our youth and of laborers so greatly needed by our Church.
(F) Co-operating with pastors, Sunday school officers, teachers, etc., in making their leadership in the work of vocational guidance more effective.

In connection with the observance of the Day of Prayer for Colleges a Life Service Day program was offered the Church in both years of the biennium; in 1923, "What Shall I Do?" and in 1924, "Faith of Our Fathers." These are being very extensively used.

That the inherent right of pageantry and dramatics as the handmaids of religion has been manifest is evidenced by the approval of the Church in receiving the new life service pageant of this Board, entitled, "The Reply of Youth." This in itself and by reason of its very wide use in the Church has become a valuable asset in intensifying the thought of the youth on the subject of the investment of life in full-time Christian service.

During the biennium this Department has co-operated with the Laymen's Movement in giving financial assistance to 16 young men in preparation for the gospel ministry in our colleges and seminaries. This is a matter which has engaged the attention of this Department during the entire biennium and is the occasion of great satisfaction that a beginning has been made. The worth and wisdom of this policy, we believe, has revealed itself so clearly to the laymen that an increased number is expected to be taken on their funds in the near future. The special motive of the laymen in this objective is to supply adequate financial resources to a number of worthy students of "parts and piety" so as to enable these students to secure their education upon a basis which will enable them to command their entire time during college and seminary days for high ideals of scholarship and other activities that are conducive to scholarly attainments; the premise here being that many of our students for the ministry are upon an insufficient financial footing to enable them to give their utmost to student development. Further thought suggests that when young men are forced to remain out of the seminary to earn money for their theological course or forced as college students to vitiate their study period by manual labor to earn a livelihood, the Church is the greater loser in the end.

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This Department has co-operated with the Laymen's organization in seeking out and investigating the candidates for these benefits, in most cases upon personal acquaintance and observance, sometimes upon the recommendation of the college authorities, always in consultation with the college administration.

During the past biennium there has been the largest offering of life for the ministry and mission service on the part of the young men and young women in the history of the Church. There are on the rolls of the Synods in our colleges and seminaries a total of approximately 800 men for the ministry.

D—Department of Institutions

This has been a memorable biennium in the work of the Department of Institutions. There has been the largest offering of money the Church has ever recorded for Christian education. In the past seven years the amount of money contributed has been seven millions; three millions of this has come within the biennium. Our schools, colleges and theological seminaries have been richly blessed during the past two years and are more firmly rooted in the hearts of Lutherans than ever before.

There has been the largest number of youth of the Church enrolling in our institutions to "get wisdom—and with all their getting to get understanding."

Referring again to the contribution of the Church in the past seven years, and particularly during the biennium, to the endowment and equipment of our colleges it should further be said that this is by no means a finished task. Practically all institutions have shared in this advance movement, but there is every indication that it will be necessary for the Church to continue to give even larger appropriations for our institutions if they are to be put upon a permanent basis of efficiency. Only in recent years have we begun to realize the unparalleled demands upon modern educational institutions. The time has come when colleges must furnish equipment never dreamed of in an earlier day. Proving this point, we would show that in the year 1830 the total annual income from endowment and all other sources of Yale University was only $17,856. Not so very many years ago a certain famous institution, now known as Brown University, changed its name in recognition of a gift of $5,000.

To keep at all abreast of the times our colleges must enlarge their curricula remodel old plants, erect and equip new buildings, employ more professors and pay them more. There is another reason we wish to set forth for this as a talking point to the unfinished task of the Church in higher education. The need for larger endowments especially is manifest when we recall that every student pays on the average scarcely one-third of the cost of his education. State institutions make this so

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by appropriations derived from taxation; our institutions must depend upon income from endowments. They cannot raise the price of the tuition without shutting out many able and deserving students. They cannot reduce the cost of instruction without seriously impairing their standards; they must rather increase it.

Some time ago a careful study of the report of the United States Commissioner of Education revealed that the average cost of education in tax supported institutions of higher learning was $383 per student, in secondary schools $192 per student. In order to have a like amount for expenditure on the education of each student in Lutheran institutions we would need an annual income of $3,000,000 as against $1,135,947.

These figures emphasize the immense economy and the simply tremendous sacrifice made in the administration of our colleges as well as the large increase we must make if we would give them anything like fair and adequate relative support.

The Board of Education is distributing practically $65,000 annually to 24 institutions, which in all cases is applied merely to current expenses, but is an aid that is greatly appreciated by every institution and considered indispensable. The unfinished task of the Church in its responsibility to the schools and the necessity for increased appropriations from the Board of Education is clear and commanding.

The Department of Institutions has sought to keep the Church reminded of its sacred duty to provide for its colleges, and thoroughly believes that it has had a share in creating a church consciousness which has been productive of more generous giving to the cause.

The movement for funds to meet the serious crisis to which our institutions have come, by securing additional equipment and endowment, has staged itself most prominently during the biennium in the case of Muhlenberg College, where the total goal sought—one million dollars—has been realized. A very unique feature of this campaign worthy of mention is the fact that there were no extremely large gifts, but the total number of subscribers approximated 100,000. Again, in the case of one of our youngest institutions, Midland College, and on much more pioneer territory, a total objective of $400,000 seems assured. Roanoke and Lenoir have also greatly strengthened their resources and equipment.

During the biennium there was an increase in enrollment in the colleges of nearly 2,000. This indicates the necessity for additional income simply to care for the increase of students.

Complying with the action of the United Lutheran Church Convention at Washington, October, 1920, we wish to report that Marion Junior College, Marion, Va., has very recently amended its Charter as follows:

"(1) That two-thirds of the members of the Board of Trustees and the President of the College shall be members of congregations in organic connection with the Lutheran Synod of Virginia.

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"(2) That the present members of the Board shall be retired at the rate of five members per year until all the present members have been retired.

"(3) That all vacancies shall be filled by election by the Lutheran Synod of Virginia or its Executive Committee."

The institution at Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada, has been chartered by the Provincial Assembly as "The Lutheran College and Seminary." The act provides that the Trustees "shall be appointed or elected by the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Manitoba" or its successors.

The set-up of the program for the Day of Prayer for Colleges and Universities, came under the particular supervision and direction of the Department of Institutions; all departments of this Board, however, co-operated in promoting the observance of this day, the last Sunday in February of each year. There has been with each recurring year since the organization of the United Lutheran Church a more general recognition of the day on the part of the churches, and co-operation of the Synods and institutions of our constituency reveals a marked advance. We call attention to the increase particularly of the last two years, reaching on Sunday, February 24, 1924, a total of 850 congregations, Sunday schools, Young People's Societies, observing this occasion. Doubtless a goodly number of other congregations kept the day, from whom no report was received.

This day is invaluable to the cause of the Church college and student life in our institutions. A United Church united in prayer—"the hand that moves the world to bring salvation down."

Vocational features were also combined in the observance of the Day of Prayer for Colleges. Excellent results in this work are at once apparent in the cordial co-operation of the churches, which has been most gratifying.

DISBURSEMENTS TO INSTITUTIONS

The following amounts were paid to Institutions during the biennium ending July 31, 1924:

Breklum	Budget	$5,000.00	
"	Increased Budget	416.65	
"	Transportation of 7 students		
"	to American Seminaries..	1,185.00	$6,601.65
Carthage	Budget	10,000.00	
"	Special	20.00	10,020.00
Chicago Seminary	Budget		2,000.00
Gettysburg College	Budget	3,600.00	
" "	Special	146.00	3,746.00
Hartwick Seminary	Budget		2,400.00
Lenoir College	Budget		3,600.00
Marion College	Budget		5,000.00

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Martin Luther Sem...	Budget		1,000.00
Midland College.....	Budget	24,000.00	
" "	Special	163.33	24,163.33
Mt. Amoena Sem.....	Budget		2,000.00
Mt. Pleasant Inst.....	Budget		4,000.00
Muhlenberg College...	Budget	3,600.00	
" " ...	Special	25.00	3,625.00
Newberry College.....	Budget		7,200.00
Pacific Seminary.....	Budget	5,400.00	
" "	Special	591.43	591.43
Roanoke College.....	Budget		6,000.00
Saskatoon College.....	Budget	3,000.00	
" "	Special	283.75	
" "	Building Fund (including		
" "	$4,500 repaid Ex. Board		
	on loan)	11,626.09	14,909.84
Southern Seminary....	Budget		5,000.00
Sumerland College....	Budget		3,600.00
Susquehanna Univ....	Budget		3,600.00
Thiel College.....	Budget		3,600.00
Wagner College.....	Budget	5,000.00	
" "	Special	10.00	5,010.00
Waterloo College.....	Budget	5,000.00	
" "	Special	2,124.66	7,124.66
Weidner Institute.....	Budget	2,000.00	
" "	Special	9.00	2,009.00
Wittenberg College....	Budget		3,600.00
	Total for Biennium.....		$135,800.91

III—Reports of Institutions

The following are reports from the twenty-seven educational institutions of the United Lutheran Church, arranged according to their respective types, in the order of their establishment. They depict a biennium of considerable achievement.

A—Theological Seminaries

Hartwick Seminary, New York

Founded 1797

Rev. J. H. Dudde, *Principal*

Hartwick Seminary is the oldest Lutheran school in America, founded in 1797 for the preparation of young men for the ministry. Its works falls into two departments: Preparatory and Theological.

The Preparatory Course consists of the usual classical subjects in

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preparation for college, with an additional year of college rating. This department is co-educational.

During the past year the 25 girls have enjoyed the comforts of a new cottage dormitory under the supervision of a matron.

Of 37 male boarding students during the past year 25 were students for the ministry.

There has been a steady increase of enrollment during the biennium; the last year exceeded the previous by 60 per cent. The scholarship standards of the biennium were the best in more than a decade.

The Theological Department offers a standard course of three years; graduates receive a theological diploma, and, if their work meets certain requirements, they are granted the degree of B. D.

The Board of Trustees recently authorized and set in operation a post-graduate course of study which can be taken *in absentia* and which leads to the degree of S.T.D. Many pastors have availed themselves of this opportunity of continuing their studies.

At the present writing, the school is being reorganized with the election of Rev. Charles R. Myers of Mount Carmel, Pa., as President.

The Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, Pa.

Founded 1826

Rev. J. A. Singmaster, D.D., LL.D., *President*

The Seminary is a high-grade theological institution founded by the General Synod ninety-eight years ago. It occupies a commanding site of forty acres on the great battlefield. Its buildings are ample and its property is unencumbered. The endowment amounts to $425,000.

The Faculty consists of five regular professors and three instructors. The enrollment of students during the past year was 41, all resident undergraduates. No effort has been made to build up a Graduate Department. The Constitution provides, however, for a Post Graduate Course, leading to the B. D. degree. This course may be taken *in absentia*.

The regular courses of study have a broad scope under the two general heads: namely, the Biblical Literature Group in which Hebrew and Greek are required, leading to the B. D. degree; and the English Historical Group. Much attention is given to the English Bible. All the courses, Classical and Scientific, in Gettysburg College are open to students of the Seminary. The establishment of a Chair of Religious Education has been authorized. During the first week of August of each year an inspiring Summer Assembly has been held at the Seminary.

The government of the Seminary is vested in a Board of Directors, elected by such district synods of the United Lutheran Church, as support and patronize it.

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SOUTHERN SEMINARY, COLUMBIA, S. C.

Founded 1830

Rev. A. G. Voigt, D.D., LL.D., *President*

The charter name of this institution is now Evangelical Lutheran Southern Seminary. All through its long history as a Theological and Classical Institute in early days, as a department of Newberry College, as the Seminary of the Southern General Synod, later as the Seminary of the United Lutheran Synod in the South, and, since the formation of The United Lutheran Church in America, as the Seminary of the separate synods that composed the United Synod, until 1921, this institution had no charter. This year the Seminary availed itself of the powers conferred upon it by its charter and conferred the degee of Bachelor of Divinity for the first time.

The past biennium has been marked by a new aggressiveness. A movement to raise enough funds to erect two professors' houses and make repairs was entirely successful. The two houses have been built. A larger movement to raise $300,000 has been inaugurated with auspicious prospects. Meanwhile sufficient funds have been contributed by the synods to increase professors' salaries.

The Seminary has a faculty of four professors, one of whom also serves as Executive Secretary.

In 1921 the attendance of students reached the lowest ebb. There was no junior class. Gradually the attendance has been improving, and the prospect for the coming session is very good. In 1921-22 the attendance was thirteen; in 1922-3 it was eleven, with five graduates; in 1923-4 it was sixteen, but no graduates. Of the students enrolled in 1923-4 two were from Virginia, eight from North Carolina, three from South Carolina, one from Georgia, one from Mississippi, and one from Japan. The men who go from the Southern Seminary are for the most part absorbed by the Church in the South Atlantic States. Some go to the foreign field.

This Seminary has been an important part of the life of the Lutheran Church in the South and it must remain an important part of its life in the future. Its existence is vital to the development of this section of the United Lutheran Church. The Lutheran constituency in the South Atlantic and Gulf States is not large, but it is growing with the increasing industrial and agricultural development of the South. An old part of the nation and of the Lutheran Church, it is still a large mission field. The Southern Synods are exerting themselves to provide the necessary churches and the necessary men. It is not a light burden and with noble efforts it is still difficult to secure adequate endowment for an up-to-date theological seminary. But in spite of all drawbacks the Seminary is steadily increasing its permanent resources.

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It has a beautiful granite building and three professors' houses on its campus of six acres, the whole property worth not less than $80,000. The endowment has grown to $72,000.

The Seminary is the property of the synods that formerly composed the United Synod in the South. All of these synods have representation on the Board of Trustees.

The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia

Founded 1864

Henry E. Jacobs, D.D., LL.D., *President*

The Theological Seminary at Philadelphia endeavors to provide a center of consecrated scholarship, in the interest of the entire Lutheran Church, for the thorough cultivation of all branches of theology. In addition to a school for necessary practical elementary instruction for the Christian ministry, its well-furnished and catalogued library, open every day of the year, except Sundays and holidays, and, in session time, by night as well as by day, affords ample apparatus for research work, not only to its own students, but to all scholars. While supported by four synods of The United Lutheran Church in America, its advantages are not restricted to students of any synod or denomination. Nor does attendance at the Seminary place any limitation upon the freedom of the student in the acceptance of a call to any part of the Church. The presence during the past year of 101 students, prepared at 48 colleges, universities and seminaries, representing 18 synods, 16 States and 4 foreign countries, living and studying together with one heart and one mind, is a gratifying indication of God's blessing. The great diversity of homes and churches whence students come, besides contributing important educational influences in their daily intercourse, cultivates Christian fellowship, enlarges the vision and forms bonds of permanent interest and affection for their future ministry. But, in the very nature of the case, all this brings increased responsibilities.

A distinctive feature, recently introduced with great success, has been the flexibility of the curriculum, enabling an adjustment of a portion of the time of each student according to his previous preparation and attainments. In some branches the unity of each class is preserved; in others, there are separations into groups, particularly of the more advanced students, with special tasks assigned for the scholarly work of every individual. Every effort is made to maintain a just balance between the various departments of theological science; so that the specializing process is constantly offset by attention to Biblical and practical courses.

The limits of capacity, so far as buildings are concerned, have been reached. The lecture rooms are uncomfortably crowded; every room for the accommodation of students has been filled. Every indication

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points to steady growth. In response to this clear call, plans have been prepared by a distinguished architect for extensive changes on our grounds, which have been recently enlarged by the purchase of neighboring properties. The first building to be erected will be a Lecture Hall; and, after that a second Dormitory. Provision to fulfill these plans will, doubtless, be made in due time.

The Faculty are a unit in their sense of responsibility for the trust committed them, and in their purpose, together with their colleagues in other seminaries of The United Lutheran Church, to abide, firmly, amidst the conflicts and confusion of the present day, by the simple faith which has given our beloved Church its name and its sole right to exist.

BREKLUM-KROPP SEMINARY

Preparatory Department, Breklum

Founded 1885

Prof. Petersen, *Director*

Theological Department, Kropp

Founded 1882

Rev. Prof. Ernst Rohnert, *Director*

Schleswig-Holstein, Germany

The Preparatory Department

We wish to begin the report of the pro-Seminary with twofold thanks. First of all we thanks to the Lord whom we desire to serve with our work, who during these last two years has been kind to us above asking and thinking and has graciously helped us through all needs and difficulties. Then we feel ourselves irresistibly compelled also to thank with our whole heart the Board of Education of the United Lutheran Church for its ready and friendly willingness which has been shown to us at all times, and for the vigorous assistance given to us, which made it possible to maintain and to continue our work without any harmful restrictions.

During the past two years our school laid special emphasis upon the instruction in languages, according to the plan of instruction agreed upon. In the main the instruction was given by the Director of the Institution. His assistant at first was Dr. S. Kahlke who left us already in October, 1922, in order to take up the study of theology in the university at Kiel. We owe him sincere thanks for his zeal and faithfulness and were truly sorry for his departure. His place was taken by Mr. Erich Pohl, candidate of Philology, who likewise did his work here faithfully and successfully. But he too left us Easter, 1923, in order to

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finish his studies at Kiel. His successor was the candidate for the ministry. Mr. Egon Pascholke, who has been active as teacher in our school from May, 1923, until now. The instruction in the English language has been given by Mission inspector Pastor Pohl.

At the end of every semester the usual semi-annual examinations were conducted by the commission called for this purpose. Two final examinations were held during the last two years; on March 20, 1923 three students of our school were promoted to the Seminary in Kropp and one on April 1, 1924.

At the beginning of the biennium the number of students was 9, to which 9 others were added in the course of the two years. Of these 18 few went to Kropp, 2 were dismissed as unsatisfactory, 1 left of his own accord, in order to study theology at a German university. Accordingly the number of students in each semester was as follows:

End of 1st semester, 1922	9
Beginning of 2d semester, 1922, additions	5
End of 2d semester, 1922, total	14
Beginning of 1st semester, 1923, addition	1
Beginning of 1st semester, 1923, total	15
Left school	4
End of 1st semester, 1923	11
Beginning of 2d semester, 1923, additions	3
Total	14
Left school	1
2nd of 2d semester, 1923, total	13
Left school	2
End of 1st semester, 1924	11

At the beginning of August of this year 5 new students will be received, we shall, therefore, be able to start the new semester with 16 students. The average age of our students was 21 years; the condition of their health was quite pleasing, with very few exceptions. Nothing detrimental can be said as to their conduct excepting one case, where dismissal was ordered.

May I here speak briefly about the economical situation of our institution during the last two years. This was more or less determined by the bad economical condition of Germany. It became really critical in the second half of the year 1923, and in the beginning of August. 1923, we were confronted by the question, whether we should be able to continue our work at all. The prices went up by leaps and bounds. The buying value of the German mark sank day by day in a threaten-

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ing manner. The treasury was completely exhausted in a very few days. At this very time of our highest need and our heaviest sorrow the Board of Education of the United Lutheran Church sent us the large amount of $400 and thereby relieved us from all our difficulties. This was verily and truly help in need; we were again able to breathe freely and to continue our work in joyful trust. This instance alone shows that the friends and brethren in America have saved our work from destruction through their contributions. For this we shall be everlastingly grateful to them. And we are particularly thankful, because upon our request these contributions have been sent to us monthly, punctually and in the full amount promised to us by the Board of Education. The monthly payments preserved us from the necessity to contract large debts and to pay high interests.

Since the end of last year the stabilization of money has been introduced in Germany. This has brought more quietness and steadiness into the economical life of Germany, but has caused at the same time a great scarcity of money, the detrimental results of which we feel more and more in our work. On account of this scarcity the support and gifts from our friends in Germany have been considerably reduced; they are now only about one-tenth of what they were before the war, and it is to be expected that they will steadily continue to decline. This disadvantage is the more noticeable as the prices for all the necessities of life surpass those before the war. Such unfavorable circumstances compel us to consider, whether we shall be able to maintain our work in the above mentioned modest limits and with the most stringent restrictions. But we put firm confidence in the United Lutheran Church and trust, that she will grant us also in the future the necessary means for our work, with which we wish to serve her gladly.

The Theological Department

The Seminary has continued its work in the past biennium in the same manner as before. No great changes have been made, either as regards the plan of instruction nor the faculty. Unfortunately the so-called "American Professorship" is still vacant, as a result of which the Director must still teach those branches which were formerly taught by the American professor. The other professors are: Pastor Hansen, the pastor loci of Kropp, Pastor Fliedner, the pastor of the Deaconess Motherhouse in Kropp, and Miss Sager, the teacher of English.

The number of students varied between 15 and 20; at present there are 15. The instruction, comprising all theological branches and philosophy and English besides, is given in three courses according to old custom; the old and tried Kropp plan of instruction having been retained.

The curriculum goes from Easter to Easter. Examinations are conducted in spring and fall. Since July 1, 1922, eight candidates have

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successfully passed their final theological examination, and six of these have since then gone to American Seminaries of the United Lutheran Church for their post graduate studies. Carl Schindler to Mt. Airy, Otto Heick to Springfield, Wilhelm Kraft and Friedrich Schultze to Saskatoon, Curt Molzahn to Selinsgrove and Hans Simoleit to Gettysburg. All of them feel at home in their new surroundings and are grateful for the kind reception and the vigorous assistance they found. Two candidates remained in Germany. One of these is studying for another year in the Theological School at Bethel-Bielefeld and will then go to an American seminary, the other one continues his studies at a university and intends later to devote his services to the Church at home.

The moral conduct and the spirit of our students was good and gave us joy. Friends from the United Lutheran Church who visited our seminary have testified to this. Thanks to God, the health of our students was not seriously disturbed.

The collaboration with our brother-seminary at Breklum proceeds not only without friction but after the ideal of the psalmist: "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for the brethren to dwell together in unity."

Great difficulties were caused by the financial conservation of the seminary. The rapidly rising scarcity in its casual connection with the really catastrophic devaluation of money brought about one disturbance after the other. Our situation became worst when the German money was stabilized by the introduction of the Rentenmark, November, 1923. For then it became horribly manifest, how ridiculously small our buying power was. The dollar, which up to that time had been admired as a world power, henceforth had a value of only 410-420 Pfennige. The Seminary was for months in constant danger of bankruptcy and destruction. We owe our salvation, after God, to the energetic help of a few, a very few, old and faithful friends in America and above all to the assistance of the Board of Education, which upon our appeals has adapted its contributions to the changed conditions as quickly as possible. For this we wish to express our heartfelt thanks also in this place. A very appreciable special contribution of the Board of Education, of which we just lately have received the first installment, shall put us in a position to free us from the burden of debt that has been pressing upon us since winter. We honestly and earnestly strive to soon again get on a sound financial basis of which we need not be ashamed before God and men.

That our Seminary has not been swallowed up by the abyss of the "German Misery," "this is the Lord's doing, it is marvelous in our eyes." Soli Deo Gloria!

Account of the Contributions

which have been paid to the Kropp department of the united Germany Seminary by the Board of Education within the last biennium since August 1, 1922.

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We received from the Board of Education through the treasurer, Mr. Herman Jenssen, Breklum:

Sept. 11, 1922	88,651	Papier-Mark	
Nov. 18, 1922	666,664	"	"
Apr. to Oct., 1923	878,556,436,750	"	"
Nov., 1923	33,472,370,220,400	"	"
Dec., 1923	947,770,663,000,000	"	"
Jan., 1924	21,000,000,000,000	"	"
Feb., 1924	448,400,000,000,000	"	"
	1451,521,590,412,465	Papier-Mark	
	1451,52	Renten-Mark	

Besides these regular contributions we have received on June 23, 1924, $416.67 as a special contribution (1st installment). The regular contributions have been used for the current expenses of the Seminary; the special contribution shall serve us to pay off the debt, which the Seminary treasury has had to contract on account of the special difficulties of the last months since November, 1923.

We express also in this place our sincere thanks to the United Lutheran Church.

CHICAGO SEMINARY, MAYWOOD, ILL.

Founded 1891

Rev. J. E. Whitteker, D.D., LL.D., *President*

The Chicago Seminary, founded by the General Council with a self-perpetuating Board, was transferred to the United Lutheran Church under the same form of government. When a sufficient number of synods are ready to assume all the obligations of the Seminary and will undertake to carry out its original plans in the ways of endowment and equipment, the Board of Directors have pledged themselves, in harmony with the action of the United Lutheran Church, to transfer the entire control to the synods uniting in the Seminary's support.

Since our last report the curriculum has undergone a radical change. There are now two distinct courses: (a) The regular Standard Course leading to the degree of B. D.; (b) An all-English Course, which brings a diploma without a degree and in which the English Bible and special Mission studies take the place of Hebrew and Greek. In addition, there is a Post Graduate Course of one year, in residence, leading to the degree of B. D. to college graduates or S. T. M. to those who have the B. D. degree; and the course in the Extra-mural Department leading (by correspondence) to the degrees of B. D., S. T. M., and D. D.

The regular course of theological studies is supplemented by various features so essential to the proper conduct of the pastoral offices:

1. The Department of Music is in charge of one of the professors,

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who has made a special study of church music and is most capable in imparting instruction in the art.

2. The Course of Public Speaking and Voice Culture, in which the students are drilled by classes as well as in private. The professor of this department has more than a local reputation, his books being used in a large number of American colleges and universities.

3. The devotional side of student life receives more than ordinary notice. The day begins with Matins, when one of the professors preaches a short sermon, with a student in charge of the service; the day closes with Vespers, when a student preaches the sermon and conducts the service. The constant aim is to cultivate the churchly spirit. Hence the chapel appointments are of the most approved order, while the liturgical parts of each service are carefully observed.

4. The spiritual estate of the students is a constant care. Heart and mind must move as one, the motive power being centered in the spiritual nature. To this end, the dean is in constant touch with the student in all his life, with personal conferences and devotional moments to give the true heart tone.

During the year 1923-24, the student body numbered 132. Of these, there were 35 resident students, one special student, three *in absentia* in the regular course, and 93 in the Extra-mural Department. In this department, five men received the B. D. degree and four the degree of S. T. M. The Post Graduate Department, in residence, had four graduates—two with the B. D. degree and two with the degree of S. T. M. There were in residence ten candidates for graduation—two receiving the degree of B. D., four the diploma of the Standard Course, and four the diploma of the English Course.

The Student Help Fund now totals $34,320 in endowment, with special gifts aggregating last year $300. The income of this fund is disbursed to students according to certain conditions specified by the donors and by the regulations given in the by-laws of the Seminary. During the past year, fourteen students received help through this fund—$100 each being the maximum amount.

The same needs are urgent today as two years ago—a greatly increased endowment, a library building, a chapel, and a gymnasium. Along all other lines, abundant provision has been made. The church has nobly rallied to our support; the Seminary deeply appreciates its loyalty and love. The Lord has greatly blest our work; to His Name be the praise.

Pacific Theological Seminary

Founded 1911

Rev. J. C. Kunzmann, D.D., *President*

Up to 1919 the Seminary had but one resident professor in the person of Prof. P. W. H. Frederick, D.D. Then Dr. Kunzmann was called

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to the presidency. In October of the same year Rev. T. W. Kretschmann, D.D., began his labors as the second professor.

There were graduated in the 1922-23 session four and in the 1923-24 session one candidate for the ministry. The Pacific Synod which is directly responsible for the Seminary's establishment, maintenance and development numbers but 2,368 confirmed members. The Seminary is located in the most Lutheran section of the coast and has prepared men for the ministry for all branches of our Church in the Far West with the exception of the Synodical Conference and enjoys their confidence. Our sister Synod, the California, has had students in continued attendance since 1919. Our hope for an adequate and efficient ministry lies in the boys and young men of the congregations of the Pacific Synod organized into Gideon Bands. These to the number of 115 or more are passing through the grade and high schools and colleges on their way to the Seminary.

Three funds have been created; first; a General Endowment Fund into which are placed all the legacies, bequests, special gifts and annuities; second, the Philadelphia Endowment Fund of $75,000, for the President's Chair; toward this $50,000 has been secured in subscriptions payable to the custodian, Bioren & Co., of which firm the Treasurer of the United Lutheran Church is President; third, the Endowment provided by the clergy, to which annual donations are being made.

All the debts on the buildings and grounds have been paid and there remains but a floating indebtedness of $2,400. As the frame structures on the grounds are poorly adapted for the work of the Seminary a program of buildings under the advice of the Committee on Church Architecture of the United Lutheran Church has been adopted. They are to be erected as the development of the institution demands. Funds are now being gathered for the erection of the president's residence temporarily to be used for the growing needs of the Seminary, until more ample provisions can be made. Thereafter will be realized the erection of a building, the basement of which will be used as a refectory; the first story with partitions moved will have library, chapel, recitation rooms and offices, and the second and third floors will be used as a dormitory. This will cost $200,000. The synod on recommendation of the Board has authorized the securing of subscriptions toward this object.

Martin Luther Seminary

Founded 1913

Rev. F. Wupper, D.D., *Director*

This institution is maintained by the German Nebraska Synod for the special purpose of training for the ministry men who shall be able to use both the German and English languages and who shall become capable leaders in a difficult transition period.

Its course consists of four years of pro-seminary work and three

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years of seminary work. Proper credit is given to men with college training.

During the biennium we have had our blessings and our cares. The average number of students has been fourteen. In 1923 there graduated two; in 1924 five students. One of these was commissioned to work in the Texas Synod. Our students came from the states of New York, South Carolina, Pennsylvania, Texas and Nebraska. Sixteen of our seventeen graduates are serving in the ministry of the United Lutheran Church in the states of Nebraska, Illinois, Oklahoma, Kansas, New York and Pennsylvania; this is evidence that we serve the Church beyond the limits of our own synod. Calls came also from other sections but could not be answered for lack of candidates.

The Faculty consisted of Dr. Wupper and Dr. Wellhausen as regular professors and Prof. Alexis, Ph.D., as assistant professor. Dr. Wellhausen resigned, after nine years of faithful service, on account of age. The Board contemplates calling a graduate of a Lutheran college and seminary, with the degree of Ph. D., from an American University, as successor to Dr. Wellhausen. As soon as finances permit, a third regular professor should be called.

While we were able to cover our regular expenses of about $8,000 annually, we were embarrassed by a $3,000 assessment for street paving. This amount constitutes a debt against us; but we expect a legacy coming due this fall, to off-set this debt.

We are grateful for the aid of the Board of Education, and solicit further sympathy and aid. Confident that we are doing the Lord's work, our trust is in Him.

Northwestern Theological Seminary, Minneapolis, Minn.

Founded 1921

Rev. Joseph Stump, D.D., *President*

The Seminary was founded by the English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Northwest to provide an adequate ministry for the English missionary work in the great Northwest. It is located in the metropolis of that vast and predominantly Lutheran territory reaching from Lake Michigan on the east to the Rocky Mountains in the west. In this rapidly anglicizing territory the need of thoroughly trained men who can preach acceptably in the English language is very great. The demand has always far outrun the supply. It is the purpose of Northwestern Seminary to train men for this field. Efforts are being made by the synod to increase the supply of men for the ministry from this territory instead of drawing them from other parts of the Church where they are needed.

The institution has been incorporated under the laws of the state of Minnesota during the past year, but its Board of Directors is elected by the Synod of the Northwest, so that the Seminary remains fully under

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the control of the synod. Its teaching force consists of four regular professors and two instructors.

The total enrollment of resident students during the year 1923-24 was nineteen, of whom four were in the post graduate department. Post graduate extra-mural or correspondence courses are also offered, and eleven men have enrolled in them. A class of six was graduated in 1923 and a class of seven in 1924 in the regular course, and one each year in the post graduate course. One of the graduates has gone as a missionary of the United Lutheran Church to Liberia, Africa.

The Seminary was fortunate in finding a building most excellently adapted to its purpose. This was purchased in 1922. It contains light and comfortable rooms for students, a lecture room for each of the professors, a commodious chapel, a tiled basement and kitchen, a large recreation room, two bowling alleys and shower baths.

A campaign is in progress for an endowment and equipment fund of $250,000 of which about $150,000 in cash and subscriptions has so far been raised.

This is distinctly a missionary Seminary in that it constantly keeps before the mind of the students the great missionary work of the Church as a whole and the great missionary opportunity of the Synod of the Northwest in particular.

B—Colleges

Gettysburg College

Gettysburg, Pa.

For Men and Women

Founded 1832

Rev. Henry W. A. Hanson, D.D., *President*

Gettysburg College is glad to report encouraging developments in all departments. In added endowment, in the general raising of standards and in the largest enrollment in its history, the college has been augmented to a degree which enables it, as never before, to serve our Church.

A number of important changes have been made, the beneficial results of which are becoming more and more apparent.

A. A provision has been made by which all full professors are enabled to spend a full week every year in studying the work of their respective departments in other institutions. The expense connected with this college visitation is borne by the college. By this method Gettysburg College seeks to keep its professors fully informed as to the latest methods employed by the representative institutions of our country.

B. In order to enrich the student life by broader contacts a series of bi-weekly chapel addresses has been arranged. The prominent Protestant leaders of our country are brought to the campus for these addresses. Among those who have delivered important messages during

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the past year are Drs. John Timothy Stone, Sherwood Eddy, F. H. Knubel, S. Parkes Cadman, William F. McDowell, Harris Kirk, A. Pohlman W. C. Schaeffer and Charles L. Fry. Perhaps the most convincing evidence of the far-reaching consequences of this innovation is shown by the fact that during the entire year the Discipline Committee did not hold a single meeting.

C. Gettysburg College has introduced a special course for the young men who are looking forward to the ministry. The Monday evening meetings are addressed by the President and by prominent Lutheran clergymen. The course of lectures aims to quicken in the student a deeper appreciation of the opportunities and requirements of the present-day ministry. Each ministerial student is brought into personal contact with a large number of the outstanding ministers of our own church.

D. The greatest undeveloped field in modern college life lies in the freshman class. The first two weeks of college life are the most important in a student's career. Into these two weeks Gettysburg College seeks to compress an intensive course of Christian idealism. The student is taught at the beginning of his college life that the only man who possesses any chance for the highest success in life is the one who carries the religion of his home into every relationship of his campus life.

Gettysburg College is deeply grateful for the loyal support of the United Lutheran Church and pledges its devoted service to our beloved Church.

The enrollment has been, 1923-24, men 490, women 77.

WITTENBERG COLLEGE

Springfield, Ohio

Founded 1845

Rev. Rees Edgar Tulloss, D.D., Ph.D., LL.D., *President*

The following are the principal items in the history of Wittenberg for the biennium.

The enrollment has continued to increase. Students in the College Classes have numbered as follows:

1920-21	450
1921-22	603
1922-23	720
1923-24	801

The total enrollment in all departments of the institution for the year 1923-24 was 1,576.

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For the last two years the Freshmen enrollment has been limited to 300. This limitation must continue until additional buildings and teachers are made possible by increased resources. The number of students using the library during the school year has increased from 4,785 to 22,329.

New departments have been inaugurated as follows: Art, Business administration, Industrial Chemistry, Comparative Literature, Education, Journalism, Missions, Music, Political Science, Religious Education, and Sociology. Ample provision has been made for work in physical education for both men and women. A college nurse has been regularly employed. A full-time Director of Publicity has been added to the staff.

The total budget of the institution has increased from $68,000 to $250,000. This has been accomplished without breaking the record of the college of never closing a year with a deficit.

During the summer of 1924 a gift of $40,000 on the annuity plan was made to the college by Mr. John W. Guard, of Logansport, Indiana.

Special stress has been placed upon an appeal for men for the ministry. The number of young men at Wittenberg preparing for this work is larger than ever before.

Important advancement along academic lines has been made. The "Quality-Point System" has been adopted, requiring for graduation not only a certain number of hours but also a superior quality of work. Participation in student activities has been definitely limited. Honors Courses have been installed for the special advantage of unusually promising students. The enrollment in classes has been limited to a maximum of thirty students per class or section, placing Wittenberg in this respect in the company of the best colleges of America. Entrance requirements have been raised. Definite pre-professional courses are offered to students expecting to take up a later study of theology, law, medicine, engineering or business administration. The work in education has been much strengthened. Ample provision is made for preparing young people for teaching work in any State.

Extensive property improvements have been made. The new Ferncliff Hall, a dormitory for young women, has been erected and equipped at a cost of $180,000. Through the generosity of the Hon. J. L. Zimmerman, an extensive addition has been made to the Zimmerman Library. Changes and improvements have been made in Carnegie Science Hall, Recitation Hall and Myers Hall. A new building has been purchased and equipped for the School of Music. New quarters have been provided for the new Wittenberg Academy. A pipe organ has been installed in the college chapel. Extensive improvements have been made about the campus, including a new and attractive entrance. With the help of generous citizens of Springfield a magnificent stadium has been erected.

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The Summer School has increased its schedule to two terms during each summer with a heavy increase in enrollment.

The Wittenberg Academy has been completely reorganized and has been fully recognized as a school of the first grade.

The School of Music has made remarkable progress, enrolling 130 students in its second year.

The well-known Warren Military Band School has been removed to Springfield in connection with the School of Music, and is now known as the Wittenberg-Warren Military Band School.

An Extension Department has begun its work, offering courses in the afternoons and evenings in Springfield and nearby cities.

An annual Educational Conference for the benefit of the students of the Saturday School and Summer School is now being held.

Plans for the establishment of a School of Religion have been approved by the Board of Directors.

A new system of Accounting devised by Ernst and Ernst has been installed and arrangements made for an annual audit of all college books by the above firm.

A Students' Service Bureau has been established for the purpose of aiding students in finding spare-time work.

Three Graduate Scholarships have been established for aiding graduates of the College and Seminary to do graduate study.

The annual celebration of "Founders' Day" with appropriate exercises has been begun.

All student organizations have been financed through a Wittenberg Student Campaign.

Control of College athletics has been completely reorganized with the establishment of a new Board of Athletic Control directly responsible to the Board of Directors.

During the past year the college expended over $16,000 in providing aid for deserving students.

Urgent needs of the college at the present time are: An addition to Carnegie Science Hall or a second Science Building; a new building for Administration and Recitation purposes; a Gymnasium; Dormitory for young men; additional Endowment.

The great problem before Wittenberg at the present time is that of meeting the requirements of the conditional offer made by the General Education Board. A gift of $233,000 from this Board will come to Wittenberg if there can be added to the endowment of the institution before May 1, 1925, $467,000. Of this amount $325,000 is yet to be raised. This is much more than can be expected to come in by way of regular payment upon appeal pledges.

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Hamma Divinity School

Springfield, Ohio

Rev. L. H. Larimer, D.D., *Dean*

This institution suffered a deep grief and loss in the taking away by death September 1, 1923, of Dean V. G. A. Tressler, Ph.D., D.D., Dr. Tressler had a large and influential place in the work of the Church.

During the biennium three new men have been elected to the Faculty—Rev. E. E. Flack, M.A., S.T.M., Professor of Old Testament Language and Literature; Rev. Allen O. Becker, D.D., Professor of Christian Missions; and Rev. John O. Evjen, Ph.D., Professor of Church History. Prof. L. H. Larimer, D.D., was transferred from the Department of the Old Testament to the Department of Homiletics and Practical Theology. In addition to these regular professors, courses of instruction are given in Public Speaking and Church Music, and special lectures on Religious Education, Sociological Problems, Modern Church Movements, and Liturgics, by different members of the Faculty of Wittenberg College. The Faculty has been reorganized by the appointment of Professor L. H. Larimer as Dean, and Professor E. E. Flack as Registrar.

The Seminary is equipped with a regular faculty, supplemented by special lecturers, so as to be able to give extensive and well-balanced courses. Each department is so co-ordinated with the other departments that the instruction given produces in an articulated way a combined and organized effect upon the mind and life of the students. Modern methods of instruction are employed, and careful, critical investigation of the problems of theological scholarship is pursued in each department. While not overlooking or undervaluing the worth of scholarly attainments, as necessary in this day to be able ministers of the New Testament, yet this Seminary judges its students not only as scholars, but also as pastors and preachers.

Without interfering with their school work, but rather contributing to it under the direction of the faculty, the students of the Middler and Senior Classes are engaged in preaching in vacant churches, and thus are helping in the practical work of the Church during their student days.

The school is committed to a whole Evangelicalism. The faculty and students work together with a zeal and fellowship of a high order.

The school will give itself in the next few years to an intensive and extensive search and finding of proper young men for the ministry, and has set for the goal in the very near future an average annual enrollment of sixty men. This Seminary pledges itself anew to the large mission and plan of the United Lutheran Church.

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ROANOKE COLLEGE

Salem, Va.

For Men

Founded 1853

Rev. Charles J. Smith, D.D., *President*

The enrollment for the session of 1923-24 was as follows:

Regular Session	232
Summer Session	126
Extension Courses	181
Total	539

The enrollment represents students from fifteen different states and two foreign countries. In religious affiliation the Lutherans show the largest group, with the remainder scattered among eleven other Christian denominations.

Nineteen full-time professors and five part-time instructors compose the faculty. For the next session the enrollment will be limited to 230 students. This is in keeping with the avowed program of the college to matriculate only that number of students which can be taught in small classes where there is intimate personal contact of students with professors and with one another.

Extension and summer school work have been carried on with gratifying results.

The campus activities of the students have been most successful. Literary societies, debating teams, student publications, the fraternities, and the Y. M. C. A. have functioned on a high-minded plane, while there has been little or no disciplinary action necessary under the present student government program. Roanoke won the state collegiate championship both in football and baseball.

Upon recommendation of the facuty, the Trustees have announced the offering of a new degree course, namely, "Bachelor of Science in Education." All candidates for this degree must complete a minimum of 30 hours in summer and extension courses conducted by Roanoke College, and must spend in residence at Roanoke College at least three summer sessions or a total of eighteen weeks.

Roanoke takes pleasure in announcing that Dr. Luther A. Fox, who has given up the chair of philosophy which he has occupied with distinction for so many years, has accepted a newly created chair of Bible and Christianity to which his whole time will hereafter be given. The college congratulates both itself and its students upon commanding the ripe scholarship and the inspirational personality of Dr. Fox in this important field of Religious Education.

The Board has authorized a two-year program for financing an appeal

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for $700,000 which will be used to erect two new buildings and to bring the endowment funds to a total of $1,000,000.

Roanoke College is being challenged for service as never before in her history. While its church constituency is greatly limited both numerically and financially, its administrators look forward in faith that ways may be found to carry on the enlarged program made necessary by the new educational demands of these present times.

Newberry College

Newberry, S. C.

For Men and Women

Founded 1856

Prof. S. J. Derrick, LL.D., *President*

The College session of 1923-24 showed an enrollment by classes as follows: Post graduates, 3; seniors, 60; juniors, 38; sophmores, 73; freshmen, 103; sub-freshmen, 19; total, 306. Forty-five seniors received diplomas on June 10th, the largest class in the history of the College.

The total enrollment of students in the summer term of the College, July 9-August 17, 1923, was 207. Prof. Jas. C. Kinard was director of the summer school. The term of 1924 will begin July 1st and continue six weeks, with Prof. Kinard again as director. The summer term is of great value to the work of the college in the opportunity it gives students to smooth out irregularities, and for prospective students of mature age out of reach of good high schools to make the entrance requirements. The normal training work done at this term for the public school teachers is an important contribution to the educational interests of this state.

Newberry has had a good year. The order has been good, the habits of the students generally have been steady and correct; their conduct in public has been most gratifying.

Our students won the triangular debate, stood in the first division in the oratorical and the glee club contests, won the state championship in basketball and were rated one of the "big four" in the southern basketball tournament held in Macon, Georgia.

The first of January this year saw the completion of the new gymnasium, one of the very best in the state. The total cost was about $36,000, and the citizens of Newberry have promised to provide the full cost.

The standing committee, convinced that a new dormitory is a necessity in the further progress of the college, decided to proceed with the erection of one, modern in equipment and large enough to accommodate nearly one hundred students. Building is now going on and the dormitory

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will be ready this fall. The total cost will be about $57,000, and there will be funds available to pay this cost up to about $45,000.

The requirements set forth by the Southern Association of Colleges for a standard college can be met by Newberry College in every particular except one, namely, that a standard college, except a tax-supported college, shall have an endowment of $500,000. The time is near when this State, just as North Carolina and Virginia have already done, will reduce in rank every college unable to reach the requirements set by the Southern Assocition. The enrollment for 1923-24 has been, men, 254; women, 47.

Susquehanna University and School of Theology

Selinsgrove, Pa.

For Men and Women

Founded 1858

Rev. Charles T. Aikens, D.D., *President*

During the biennium Susquehanna University has enjoyed a splendid increase in enrollment, so that we are pleased to report, including the summer school of 1923, an attendance for the year closing June, 1924, of 738. The endowment has been increased and additional grounds have been purchased.

The laboratory and classroom equipment has been increased and improvements have been made to the athletic field and the running track.

A large new heating plant has been installed at a cost of more than $25,000, which provides heating facilities for double the present demands.

Building operations are now on, which will give the University a large dining hall and kitchen, a chapel to seat 500 people and dormitory rooms for 70 additional young women. We now have 50 more student applications than we are able to accommodate.

During the past year Susquehanna has sustained great loss in the death of two staunch members of the Board of Directors, Rev. A. H. Spangler, D.D., and Mr. William Decker, A.M., and one most excellent teacher in the Theological Seminary, Rev. J. B. Focht, D.D., a born teacher and a most lovable man in every respect.

The Theological Seminary is in splendid condition with 28 students enrolled for the coming year. The importance of the Theological Seminary of the Susquehanna University can not be overestimated.

Susquehanna is one of the most conveniently and beautifully located institutions of the Lutheran Church and is within easy reach of more than 350 of our congregations, located within a radius of 75 miles of Selinsgrove, one of the cleanest and best-kept boroughs of central Pennsylvania. The enrollment 1923-24 has been, men, 280; women, 147.

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MUHLENBERG COLLEGE, ALLENTOWN, PA.

For Men

Founded 1867

Rev. J. A. W. Haas, D.D. LL.D., *President*

Muhlenberg College reports "still further progress"; 350 students enrolled in college, and in preparatory school 160 students. The Arts Department, in which both Greek and Latin are required, holds its own. The largest increase is in the Science Course and the Philosophy Course.

In order that the professors may have opportunity for further development the Board has again affirmed the rule of the sabbatical year.

In the problem of student government and life we have introduced a strict system of monthly control for those who are backward in their work, and a system dropping students who do not properly take care of unexcused absences.

When, recently, the Committee on Standards of the Association of Colleges and Preparatory Schools of the Middle States reported on the colleges which met the new and higher standards, Muhlenberg College was one of the colleges approved.

The State of New York has also admitted it to its list of approved colleges, and it is well known how strict are the standards of the Educational Department of New York.

The campaign for $1,000,000 begun last winter, has now gone "over the top," and the money is coming in nicely.

Ground was broken for the erection of the library and science building during commencement week. Construction of the science building will begin this summer. The enrollment, 1923-24, has been 482. Women are enrolled in the extension courses.

THIEL COLLEGE, GREENVILLE, PA.

For Men and Women

Founded 1870

Rev. Carl A. Sundberg, D.D., *President*

We are glad to report continued progress during the biennium at Thiel College materially, numerically and scholastically.

A new regime was inaugurated when the present incumbent assumed his duties as president on Founder's Day, February 2, 1923. With no president at the helm since July 1, 1921, when Dr. H. W. Elson, Litt.D., resigned, many matters needed attention, adjustment, and reorganization. This primary objective was attained in the adoption of modern business methods.

We are sorry to state that to date only one-third of the anticipated goal of $500,000 of the Semi-Centennial Campaign has been realized, so that the monetary receipts have not kept pace with our advancement along other lines. Our crying need is for an adequate endowment, or

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income; it is absolutely necessary to supplement the 39 per cent which the students contribute toward their education.

Our endowment is less than $108,000, while we ought to have half a million dollars at least. A friend has offered $10,000, if nine others will each contribute a similar amount.

Numerically, we have made splendid progress. With 58 freshmen and a few specials in 1922-1923, we had 102 freshmen in 1923-24, plus 16 specials, or a total of 118; and there were enough other new students entered in the upper classes so that over one-half of the entire student body was composed of new students. The total enrollment is now 484 (110 women), or a gain of 103 over last year. Last year there were 24 graduates, 15 women and 9 men; and 8 of the 9 men are students for the ministry. At our 1924 commencement we graduated 34—17 women and 17 men—the largest class in the history of the college.

And we commemorated the fiftieth anniversary of the graduation of the first class, in 1874—a class of 6, of whom 3 are still living, Mr. John M. Bott, of Greensburg; Rev. Geo. L. Rankin, of Wilkinsburg, and Dr. T. B. Roth, "Thiel's Grand Old Man." Dr. Roth also celebrated the thirtieth anniversary of his connection with his alma mater.

A feature of commencement week was the unveiling of the Alumni Association of a memorial tablet in the college chapel, in honor of Henry Warren Roth, D.D., LL.D., first president of Thiel College 1870-1887, beloved preacher, teacher, philanthropist.

Scholastically, we are happy to report that Thiel College is fully accredited. Thiel holds membership in the Association of American Colleges, and the Association of Colleges and Preparatory Schools of the Middle States and Maryland, besides being recognized by the State Departments of Education of both Pennsylvania and New York.

Thiel conducts a six weeks' Summer School for Teachers, with 120 in attendance this summer. It also conducts a Lake School of Biology at Conneaut Lake—the only Lake School of Biology in the state of Pennsylvania. Besides, there is the annual summer school for church workers, generally held the last week in July, with fine faculty and interesting, instructive and inspiring sessions.

All in all, Thiel is growing bigger and better, for the glory of God and the welfare of mankind.

CARTHAGE COLLEGE, CARTHAGE, ILL.

Founded 1870

For Men and Women

Rev. Harvey D. Hoover, Ph.D., D.D., *President*

The college advanced during the past biennium in a significant way. There were enrolled over seven hundred students. The graduates numbered ninety-three.

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The Semi-Centennial Fund of $400,000 was paid in by the district synods during this biennium. This fund, together with $125,000 pledged by the people of Hancock County, and the $175,000 promised by the General Education Board, brings the endowment almost to $900,000.

There has been added to the college property a beautiful forest preserve which includes a small lake. Here the departments of botany and zoology cultivate and care for all forms of life. A ten-acre athletic field was purchased and is being improved and equipped.

During this biennium six missionaries educated in part at Carthage, were sent into the foreign field; candidates for the ministry were preparing in five different Lutheran Theological Seminaries.

The Carthage faculty has been trained in more than thirty of the leading universities and colleges in America and Europe. The president is now president of the Federation of Illinois Colleges.

Carthage is the only Lutheran College on the approved list of the Association of American Universities.

The college conducted its fiftieth commencement exercises in 1924. There were present the first graduate of the college, Rev. J. M. Cromer, D.D., of Casper, Wyo.; Prof. E. F. Bartholomew, Ph.D., L.H.D., only survivor of first faculty; first football coach, Prof. R. H. McKee, LL.D., now of Columbus University, together with many other prominent alumni. The forty years of service of Dean W. K. Hill were recognized at this commencement. The enrollment, 1923-24 has been, men, 134, women, 116.

Wagner College, Staten Island, New York City

Founded 1883

For Men

Rev. A. H. Holthusen, A.M., D.D., *President*

Wagner College is the property of the Evangelical Lutheran New York Ministerium, in the spirit of which the work is carried out. The trustees appoint the faculty and are constantly in touch and consultation with it.

With an initial capital of ten dollars, a student body of six, and a faculty of pastors of Rochester, New York, Wagner College began its work in 1883. Impressed and moved by the special need of the time, the pastors Alexander Richter, then in Rochester, and George H. Gomph, of Pittsford, New York, planned an institution which should give to prospective ministers of the Lutheran Church the preparatory training that would enable them to officiate in German as well as in English.

During the first year of its existence the institution was known as the Lutheran Pro-seminary. Its name was changed, however some years later when through the generous interest of John C. Wagner, of Rochester, it received $12,000 to purchase new quarters on Oregon Street. The new name adopted was Wagner Memorial Lutheran College.

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Until 1888 the college was under the control and chiefly maintained by Zion Lutheran Church, Rochester, but in that year it was transferred to the New York Ministerium. This body has since that time pledged itself to provide the expenses of administration.

In 1918 in accordance with the desires of the New York Ministerium the college was moved from Rochester, New York, to Staten Island This was necessary in order to provide sufficient room for future expansion of the work of the college. Thirty-eight acres of property, the old Cunard estate, with four buildings, were acquired. This provided dormitory quarters, class rooms, and the basis for two professors' dwellings. These last two were remodeled and a new home built for the president.

In 1921 the ministerium voted and appropriation of $185,000, with which to build a dormitory and professors' dwellings, and to make repairs and changes. At the present time the new dormitory and three new cottages for professors are finished.

In 1922 the alumni of the college bought of the Vanderbilt property of fifteen acres adjoining our campus. This, with five additional acres which we needed, increases the acreage of the campus to fifty-seven acres.

Wagner College has the usual course of four years in the liberal arts. There is also a high school department, with a four-year general course. The faculty numbers thirteen professors and two assistants. Eighty-five per cent of the graduates enter the ministry.

Wagner College does not offer any degrees. New York State requires an endowment fund of $500,000 before it grants permission to give degrees. The institution is planning to raise this amount of money in 1925.

The healthful location of Wagner, overlooking the ocean, on one of the highest points along the Atlantic coast, is a decided advantage. The institution boasts of a campus that is rarely equaled for beauty. The enrollment for the past year has been 72.

Midland College and Western Theological Seminary

Fremont, Nebraska

For Men and Women

Founded 1887

Rev. J. F. Krueger, Ph.D., *President*

The biennium has marked the inauguration of the Greater Midland Campaign. The Board of Trustees, in June, 1923, decided to ask the constituent synods of the college to co-operate in raising the sum of $500,000, this money to be used toward wiping out the existing deficit the erecting of new buildings, and the increasing of the endowment

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fund. By unanimous vote the synods declared themselves in favor of this movement, the German Nebraska Synod specified that all funds collected in their congregations should be used only for endowment. The sum of $320,000 has been subscribed up to the present time. The campaign has been vigorously pursued and will be completed as soon as possible.

A definite building program has been outlined and adopted. This year the new gymnasium-commons building and the central heating plant will be completed. The foundation measurements of the building are 74x130 feet, with 40x40 feet additional for the heating plant. The building cost $125,000.

This first handsome building constitutes only the preamble in the Midland building program. It is planned to lay the foundation of the new dormitory for women this fall. The sum of $50,000, which Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Luckey have so generously given, will be used toward the erection of this much-needed building.

Midland has had a remarkable growth in its student body since it was moved to Fremont. In all its departments Midland shows an increase of over 300 per cent within the past five years; while the college department alone has grown 165 per cent.

During the past two years special attention has been paid to strengthening the science department of the college. New equipment has been purchased and the teaching force has been increased.

Midland has always emphasized the fact that it is a Christian and a Lutheran college. The religious organizations have flourished. We are especially glad to report that scarcely ever in the history of the college have there been as many and as promising young men looking forward to the gospel ministry. More and more our young men realize the wonderful greatness of this calling. The enrollment, 1923-24 was, men, 163, women, 362.

Practically all Midland students who expect to study for the ministry enter the Western Theological Seminary. This Seminary is absolutely necessary for the development of the mission territory in the Middle West. It would have been impossible to build up the Lutheran Church in this promising section of the country without the pastors who have been sent forth from the Western Seminary. Many of the graduates of this school of the prophets serve as pastors of our bi-lingual congregations.

The teaching force of the Seminary has been materially strengthened by the acquisition of Rev. Robert L. Patterson as a member of the faculty. He entered upon his duties at the beginning of the Seminary year 1923-24. His specific work is the teaching of the English Bible and Practical Theology.

Midland College appreciates deeply the generous support which the Board of Education has again granted during the biennium. Without

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this appropriation it would be absolutely impossible to carry on the work of the institution.

LENOIR COLLEGE, HICKORY, N. C.

For Men and Women

Founded 1891

Rev. John C. Perry, D.D., *President*

The most outstanding event of the college during the biennium was the appeal for additional funds following only three and one-half years after a previous effort which had yielded over $300,000. In the last appeal the net result was $465,000 in cash and unconditional pledges. At least $200,000 of this is to be used for the erection of new buildings and the remainder is to be added to the endowment fund.

At the present time Highland Hall (a boys' dormitory erected 18 years ago) is being thoroughly renovated, and a new gymnasium is being completed. Within 30 days ground will be broken for a new $100,000 fireproof dormitory for girls.

During this biennium eighteen and one-half acres of additional land has been purchased at a cost of $30,000. This land is adjoining the old campus of eighteen acres and will make possible the future material development of the institution.

The enrollment of the institution has continued to grow. During 1923-24, 262 students were enrolled in the regular college classes. The special students and those in the summer school bring the enrollment considerably above 500, of which number 322 were women.

During the past year one new department was added and three new professors were employed. About 2,600 volumes were added to the library, and several thousands of dollars were spent for laboratory material and apparatus.

WATERLOO COLLEGE AND SEMINARY, WATERLOO, ONTARIO, CANADA

For Men

Founded 1911

Rev. E. Hoffman, D.D., *President*

College commencement on May 30th and Seminary graduation on June 6th closed a very successful biennium in the history of this institution. Owing to building operations during the past year the number of students had to be restricted, the total enrollment being 50 in the College and 11 in the Seminary. The new Administration Building Annex being completed, a large increase can be cared for during the year 1924-1925. This annex, which was formally dedicated May 25th, furnishes additional dormitory accommodation, 8 modern class rooms, an up-to-date science

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room and laboratory, a gymnasium with complete equipment, an assembly hall with a seating capacity of 400, a new heating plant, toilet and wash rooms, fireproof vault and a number of store rooms. With the completion of this new building one of the great problems of the past has found its solution. In addition to the regular Ontario high school course, a Faculty of Arts has been created, which will furnish a four years' course equivalent to the Arts Course of the Canadian University. Dr. A. C. Potter has been appointed Dean of the Faculty of Arts.

The College has continued to furnish Seminary students; every one of the seven Seminary graduates of the past biennium has been secured through the College, and at least 50 per cent of the 49 collegians now enrolled have the ministry in view. About 20 per cent of the collegians are non-Lutheran. The combined faculty numbers nine and one instructor; seven being ordained ministers. The total number of graduates since 1911 is 31, two of whom died, while 29 are in active service in the provinces of Ontario, Nova Scotia, Saskatchewan and Alberta, and one in the foreign field.

The approximate annual expenditure required to run the institution is $22,000, of which the Canada Synod is expected to contribute 75 per cent and the Central Canada Synod 25 per cent.

Saskatoon College and Seminary, Saskatoon, Sask., Canada

For Men and Women

Founded 1913

Rev. H. W. Harms, *President*

The enrollment for 1922-23 was 32, and that for 1923-24 was 49 (12 women). Fourteen students have the ministry in view.

The completion of our new recitation hall, which was built from the proceeds of our campaign in the United Lutheran Church, represents a big step forward. We have now at least a commodious building, where we can do our work, and in addition we have been able to buy some equipment.

Under conditions prevailing here, the preparatory work is of chief importance, and we have been able during the biennium, to bring this department up to that grade of efficiency which enables us to hold our own against the state high schools on the territory. As our classes are smaller than those in the state high schools, we have aimed to give our students a large amount of personal attention with the result, that all our high school graduates were able to pass the examinations prescribed by the provincial Department of Education. The time has come, however, when it is imperative to focus our attention on the Theological Department, and it has therefore been decided to call another professor. It seems quite possible at the present time, to get, in addition to the young men trained by ourselves, a number of students from Europe.

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A very gratifying feature during the last biennium has been, that our people apparently begin to realize the value of the work done in our institution, and are sending their children in larger numbers. If this favorable attitude develops as we hope, a further expansion of our plant will soon be necessary. At the present time we may say, that fully 75 per cent of all the young people from our congregations, going in for high school education, come to our institution, and if we can bring our plant and equipment up to requirements, there is no reason why this high figure should not be maintained or even exceeded. The gain for the church accruing from her congregations can hardly be overestimated. During 1923 a new wave of Lutheran immigration to Western Canada began; almost every boat crossing the Atlantic brings its quota of Lutheran immigrants to Canadian ports. By the efforts of the Lutheran Immigration Board alone over 500 heads of Lutheran families were brought over and placed in our congregations during the last twelve months.

As Saskatoon is the only school and theological seminary of the United Lutheran Church in Canada west of the Great Lakes, its claim on the interest of the United Lutheran Church is unique. There is no doubt that the future of our Church in this part of the country to a very large degree depends on this institution and for these reasons we do not hesitate to urge on the Church at large the importance of bringing this institution to its fullest efficiency. We have asked the Church for $50,000, thereby stating the minimum amount absolutely necessary. About $20,000 are outstanding. This amount ought to be raised at an early date, as the money is most urgently needed for still further equipment.

C—Junior Colleges

Collegiate Institute, Mt. Pleasant, N. C.

For Men

Founded 1854

Prof. G. F. McAllister, A.M., *Principal*

The Collegiate Institute has had gratifying patronage the past two sessions. In 1922-23 there were enrolled 161 from seven states, and in 1923-24 nine states were represented in an enrollment of 173, the largest in the entire history of the school. Fifty-four young men were graduated in these two years; an unprecedented number.

The usual large percentage of these graduates go on to the completion of their college course, and so maintain the record of institute men. Splendid reports come from the higher institutions to which our graduates go, and give evidence of the good work done at the institute.

The gospel ministry as a life-work continues to attract our students. There have been a number of definite commitments during the biennium and there are a number of others seriously considering the ministry. By

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the time they complete their course here, it is believed that they will have definitely decided to offer themselves for the ministry. Two factors which have undoubtedly contributed to the serious consideration of the subject during the biennium were the presentation of the claims of the gospel ministry by the appointee of synod and an address delivered by Dr. C. S. Bauslin on his visit to the institute during the past session. The goodly number of men who have gone from this institution into the ministry would seem to be an answer to the prayer expressed in the early days by the founders.

The pressing need for additional dormitory space will soon be relieved, it is hoped, thanks to the success of the campaign for funds authorized by the North Carolina Synod and now being conducted. The Executive Committee of the Board planned a cempaign for $75,000 for a new dormitory and equipment. The Financial Secretary had secured pledges among the alumni, ex-students and special friends for more than one-third of the amount before the canvass of the congregations began the last of May. More than two-thirds of the amount has now been pledged, and it is confidently believed by the time all the congregations have been canvassed the full amount sought will have been subscribed. So, for session 1925-26, the institute should have a new dormitory and other much needed equipment.

With a meager endowment and with the rising cost of operation, the institute experiences increasing difficulties in current finances. The aid received from the Board of Education, therefore, means much to the institute, and the management is duly appreciative.

The outlook for the next session is encouraging. Already a large number of students have engaged rooms, and the old students are enthusiastically promoting the institute among their friends and acquaintances.

Weidner Institute, Mulberry, Ind.

For Men and Women

Founded 1902

Prof. M. L. Zerkel, *Acting President*

Weidner Institute had an enrollment of 45 (23 men and 22 women) for the school year 1923-24, which was an increase of 10 over that of the year preceding when the attendance had declined by about the same number. Most of the increase was in the academy classes.

The faculty consisted of seven members, of whom four were doing full-time teaching. This included the field secretary who gave part of his time to teaching during the past year.

Of the 22 men in the college and academy classes last year 11 were preparing for the ministry. Several of the girls were planning to take

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up work of a distinctive Christian character. Four Weidner men were in our Theological Seminaries and two others plan to enter this fall.

Indiana's new law relative to teacher training has been a severe blow to Weidner as at present our work, for teacher training, is not accredited by the State Board of Education. To secure such credit is impossible without additional funds. Since Weidner credits are accepted in Indiana institutions and schools generally in other states, it merely means that students planning to teach must complete their training in other schools. This prevents us from enrolling many young people who contemplate teaching in the elementary schools.

During the past year the income was sufficient to meet all operating expenses, but the deficit of the two previous years has not yet been covered. The net indebtedness was reduced by about $3,000 during the year.

In order to meet an annual operating deficit of about $4,000 for the past biennium about 200 underwriters throughout the Indiana Synod were secured. In nearly all cases these individuals agreed to assist for both years. From that source about $7,500 has been realized for the two years. Such support has enabled Weidner to continue operation but the time is rapidly approaching when income of a more permanent nature must be available.

The matter of relocating has been seriously considered during the year and several prospective sites seem very desirable. It is felt by many that Weidner needs more local support than is available in a small community and the possibility of securing this from other Indiana communities is favorable. Along with the matter of relocation, the plan of changing to a four-year college has also been considered. With one student in college out of every 110 persons in the state the need of a college to our people is evident but the difficulty of supplying that need with our present resources is a serious problem.

D—Institutions for Women

Mont Amoena Seminary, Mt. Pleasant, N. C.

Founded 1859

Rev. Prof. J. H. C. Fisher, A.M., *Principal*

On May 23, 1924, Mont Amoena Seminary ended her sixty-fifth year with a graduating class of 19. Three hundred and forty girls have been graduated from Mont Amoena since the present principal's connection with the school. We have just finished a good year's work with an enrollment of 94; 85 of whom are in the college classes. Mont Amoena has been noted for many years for the fine work she has done along the line of Church work in the Luther League and Missionary

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Society. She has also furnished many teachers for both elementary and high schools.

The class of 1922-23 numbered 18, one of the best classes that we have sent out. This makes 37 young women that we have sent out during the biennium. Mont Amoena has furnished a good Christian home and a fine school for these girls and her influence will be an inspiration and help to them through life.

Marion Junior College, Marion, Virginia

Founded 1873

Rev. C. Brown Cox, A.M., D.D., *President*

Marion Junior College has had a successful biennium. During both years there has been capacity enrollment. Class room work has maintained a high level and campus conditions have been satisfactory. If the serious criticisms directed against campus life in general are true, then campus conditions at Marion are a remarkable exception. At Marion the campus life is clean and wholesome.

During the biennium two new buildings have been constructed. One is a gymnasium, which has ample floor space to provide for all indoor games, including basketball and tennis. The other increases the dormitory, class room and dining room space so that the college will be able to accommodate one hundred and twenty-five boarding students. It is the purpose of the college not to increase its capacity beyond this limit.

Recently the Board of Trustees secured amendments to the college charter which bring it into conformity with the requirements of the United Lutheran Church as expressed at the Washington Convention. Under the amended charter two-thirds of the members of the Board of Trustees and the President of the college must be members of congregations in organic connection with the Lutheran Synod of Virginia. Provision is made for retirement of the present members of the Board of Trustees, and all vacancies on Board must be filled by election by the Lutheran Synod of Virginia. Thus Marion Junior College not only belongs to the Church, but henceforth it will be controlled by the Church through a Board of Trustees elected by the Synod.

The graduating class of 1924 consisted of 24 young women of whom 18 were Lutherans. This answers the question as to whether the college is serving the Lutheran Church. When diplomas were presented to the members of the graduating class of 1924, there was attached to each diploma a Virginia State Teachers' Certificate, issued by the State Board of Education, good for six years and renewable, entitling the graduate to teach in all of the public schools of the state, both grammar schools and high schools. This indicates the standard of work which the college is doing and the value placed upon it by the state of Virginia.

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The date of founding of the college is usually given as 1873, but the first charter was granted by the Virginia Legislature in 1874; therefore 1874 may be properly regarded as the date of founding. Upon this basis the college is now 50 years old, and extensive preparations are being made for celebration of the semi-centennial in the fall of 1924.

Having this background of 50 years of service to the Church, the friends of the college who have made it what it is are determined that it shall render still greater service to the Church during the next half century. Therefore they have taken action placing the college directly under the control of the Church and are giving their money for increase and development of plant and equipment. The outlook for the college is more promising than ever before.

Summerland College, Leesville, S. C.

Founded 1912

Rev. P. E. Monroe, D.D., *President*

On May 27, 1924, Summerland College ended the twelfth year of work. The past biennium was marked by growth in numbers and in the advancement of the standard work done. The number of students in the college department has increased each succeeding yeor of the institution's history.

Every member of the student body is a Christian. About 80 per cent are members of the Lutheran Church. The regular church services were well attended and every member of the student body was a member of the Mission and Bible study classes.

The finances of the institution are in excellent condition, there being no current expense debts. The new brick and stone dormitory which was erected and furnished two years ago at a cost of $75,000 has a debt of $5,365.

There is a growing interest in this college for young women in South Carolina. The Board of Trustees and President are very grateful for the assistance given us by the Board of Education of the United Lutheran Church.

President Monroe has recently resigned to accept a pastorate at Hickory, N. C.

Recommendations

The Board submits for your favorable consideration the following:

1. *Resolved,* That we renew most gratefully our acknowledgment of the guidance and blessing of the great Head of the Church in behalf of the Educational Department of our work, and that we herewith renew our pledges of fidelity to this sacred cause, the divine method of bringing to pass the coming of our Lord's Kingdom throughout the world.
2. *Resolved,* That we herewith acknowledge with particular gratitude

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the generous gifts of those who have participated in the unusually large amount given during the biennium as annuity gifts for the perpetual carrying on of the various activities of the Board.

3. *Resolved,* That we have learned with gratification of the steps being taken by ten of the Eastern Synods toward the early establishment of a College for Women. We bespeak for this a successful consummation during the coming biennium and we shall rejoice in liberal gifts from friends throughout its large constituency, to make possible an ideal equipment for this greatly needed institution.

4. *Resolved,* That the authority granted at the last Convention looking toward plans for co-operation in educational work with other general bodies of Lutherans, especially in the Northwest and on the Pacific coast, be renewed for the coming biennium, upon the same terms, namely: all plans for such co-operation to be subject to the approval of the Executive Board.

5. *Resolved,* That the Synods and the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension be urged to co-operate in securing and equipping adequate church or school buildings, or other facilities, for the better service of our Lutheran students in non-Lutheran educational centers.

6. *Resolved,* That the Board proceed as soon as possible, through its University Work Department, to organize accredited Schools of Religion in the university centers.

Respectfully submitted,

ALONZO J. TURKLE, *President.*
HOWARD R. GOLD, *Recording Secretary.*
FREDERICK G. GOTWALD, *Executive Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

for the Fiscal Year Ended July 31, 1923

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Balance on hand August 1, 1922		$3,800.42
RECEIPTS		
Treasurer United Lutheran Church on Apportionment	$93,300.00	
Treasurer United Lutheran Church Women's Missionary Society	4,230.19	
Treasurer United Lutheran Church Waterloo Seminary Professorship	1,316.49	
Treasurer United Lutheran Church Miscellaneous	688.00	
Miscellaneous Receipts	1,897.33	
Income from Annuity Fund Investments	728.26	
Interest on Deposits	174.12	102.334.39
		$106,134.81

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DISBURSEMENTS		
Pacific Seminary Budget	$2,700.00	
Pacific Seminary Special	296.25	
Northwestern Seminary Special	50.19	
Southern Seminary Budget	2,083.33	
Saskatoon Seminary Budget	1,250.00	
Waterloo Sem. and College Budget	2,083.33	
Waterloo Sem. and College Special	1,426.49	
Chicago Seminary Budget	833.33	
Hartwick Seminary Budget	1,000.00	
Martin Luther Seminary Budget	500.00	
Breklum-Kropp Seminary Budget	2,291.66	
Thiel College Budget	1,500.00	
Wittenburg College Budget	1,500.00	
Wagner College Budget	2,083.33	
Summerland College Budget	1,500.00	
	$21,097.91	$106,134.81
Special, Wagner College	$10.00	
Lenoir College Budget	1,800.00	
Marion College Budget	2,083.33	
Muhlenberg College Budget	1,500.00	
Roanoke College Budget	2,500.00	
Newberry College Budget	3,000.00	
Weidner Institute Budget	833.33	
Weidner Institute Special	9.00	
Susquehanna University Budget	1,500.00	
Mt. Pleasant Collegiate Institute Budget	1,999.99	
Carthage College Budget	4,166.61	
Carthage College Special	20.00	
Midland College Budget	12,000.00	
Midland College Special	163.33	
Gettysburg College Budget	1,500.00	
Mt. Amoena Seminary Budget	833.33	
Secretaries' Salaries	12,099.99	
Secretaries' Traveling Expenses	3,921.16	
Student Pastors' Salaries	6,914.47	
Students Pastors' Expenses	6,148.48	
Women Student Worker's Salary & Expenses	1,922.29	
Annuities	1,192.00	
Student Asaji Fund from St. Matthew's. Phila. Support of Japanese Student at Mt. Airy Seminary	250.00	
Printing and Publications	5,738.13	
General Expenses	2,224.57	
Office Rent	654.00	
Stenographers	2,532.15	
Telephone and Telegraph	207.50	
Postage	619.86	
Office Supplies	437.42	
Transferred to Ministerial Education Fund	126.00	
Expenses of Meetings (Board & Executive)	1,216.17	101,221.02
Balance cash on hand, July 31, 1923		$4,913.79

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SASKATOON COLLEGE AND BUILDING FUND

Balance on hand August 1 1922.....		$2,238.47
RECEIPTS		
Treasurer United Lutheran Church.....	$8,514.85	
Miscellaneous	30.00	8,544.85
DISBURSEMENTS		
Northwestern Mission Board	$10,574.00	
Balance Cash on Hand	209.32	
	$10,783.32	$10,783.32

PERMANENT MINISTERIAL EDUCATION FUND

PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT

Miscellaneous Receipts		$705.08

SCHOLARSHIP AND LOAN FUND FOR WOMEN

Balance on hand August 1, 1922.....		$280.00
RECEIPTS		
Individuals, etc.	$1,260.00	
Interest on Deposit	27.50	
Interest on Bond of Mandon North Dakota....	60.00	1,347.50
DISBURSEMENTS		
Invested (see list) Bond & Accrued Int.....	$979.27	
Cash	50.00	
Balance Cash on Hand	598.23	
	$1,627.50	$1,627.50

CALIFORNIA COLLEGE FUND

Balance on hand August 1, 1922.....		$60.00

ANNUITIES ACCOUNT

Balance on hand August 1, 1922.....		$12,500.00
RECEIPTS		
Miss Louise E. Rehm	$100.00	
Miss Louise E. Rehm, Additional	500.00	
Rev. Frederick Beates	1,000.00	
Sister Alice L. Ott	100.00	
H. A. Willery	1,500.00	3,200.00
		$15,700.00
DISBURSEMENTS		
Invested (see list)	$15,403.19	
Accrued Interest on Investments Purchased....	228.94	
Cash on hand	67.87	
	$15,700.00	$15,700.00

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INVESTMENTS

ANNUITIES ACCOUNT

5,000	Bell Telephone Co. of Pa. 1st Ref. Mtge. 5's 1948	$4,918.75	
2,000	Phila. Electric 1st Mtge 5's 1966		
1,000	Phila. Electric 1st Mtge.		
1,000	Phila. Electric 1st Mtge.		
500	Phila. Electric 1st Mtge.		
100	Phila. Electric 1st Mtge.	4,574.37	
3,000	Pa. R. R. Eq. 5's due 1938	2,974.80	
1,000	Ches. & Ohio Eq. 5's due 1935	969.67	
2,000	Pa. R. R. Eq. 5's due 1938	1,965.60	$15,403.19

SCHOLARSHIP AND LOAN FUND FOR WOMEN

1,000	City of Mandon, N. Dakota (Gift of Catherine A. Dussel)	$1,000.00	
1,000	Ches. & Ohio Eq. 5's due 1935	969.68	1,969.68
			$17,372.87

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. SNYDER,
Treasurer.

Philadelphia, 20th November, 1923.

We have audited the accounts of the Board of Education of the United Lutheran Church in America for the year ended 31st July, 1923, and we certify that the foregoing report of the Treasurer is in accordance with the books of account and is correct.

LYBRAND, ROSS BROS. & MONTGOMERY,
Accountants and Auditors.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

for the Fiscal Year Ended 31st July, 1924

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Balance on hand August 1, 1923		$4,913.79
RECEIPTS		
Treasurer United Lutheran Church on Apportionment	$105,917.20	
Treasurer United Lutheran Church Women's Missionary Society	3,000.00	
Treasurer United Lutheran Church Waterloo Seminary, Special	998.96	
Treasurer United Lutheran Church, Miscellaneous	522.18	
Augustana Synod for Religious Work at the Universities	2,000.00	
Lutheran Student's Work Committee of Phila.	1,500.00	
Income from Annuity Fund Investments	955.00	
Saskatoon College and Seminary Building Fund	998.52	

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Miscellaneous Receipts	795.00	
Interest on Deposits	79.87	116,766.73
		$121,680.52

DISBURSEMENTS

Pacific Seminary Budget	$2,700.00	
Pacific Seminary Special	295.18	
Southern Seminary Budget	2,916.67	
Waterloo Seminary and College Budget	2,916.67	
Waterloo Seminary and College Special	693.17	
Mt. Airy Seminary Special	25.00	
Gettysburg Seminary Special	69.00	
Saskatoon Seminary and College Budget	1,750.00	
Saskatoon Seminary and College Special	1,135.84	
Breklum-Kropp Seminary Budget	3,124.99	
Hartwick Seminary Budget	1,400.00	
Martin Luther Seminary Budget	500.00	
Chicago Seminary Budget	1,166.67	
Wittenberg College Budget	2,100.00	
Wagner College Budget	2,916.67	
Thiel College Budget	2,100.00	
Susquehanna University Budget	2,100.00	
Summerland College Budget	2,100.00	
Roanoke College Budget	3,500.00	
Newberry College Budget	4,200.00	
Muhlenberg College Budget	2,100.00	
Muhlenberg College Special	25.00	
Lenoir College Budget	1,800.00	
Gettysburg College Budget	2,100.00	
Gettysburg College Special	146.00	
Mt. Pleasant Collegiate Institute Budget	2,000.00	
Carthage College Budget	5,833.39	
Marion College Budget	2,916.67	
Midland College Budget	12,000.00	
Mt. Amoena Seminary Budget	1,166.67	
Weidner Institute Budget	1,166.67	
Secretaries' Salaries	12,099.97	
Secretaries' Traveling Expenses	4,952.72	
Student Pastors' Salaries	8,434.86	
Student Pastors' Expenses	6,641.53	
Women Student Work Assistant, Salary and Expenses	2,108.64	
Annuities Payments	1,380.50	
Printing and Publications	5,216.01	
Office Rent	866.00	
Stenographers	3,472.67	
Telephone and Telegraph	274.41	
Postage	653.10	
Office Supplies	647.95	
General Expenses	2,083.98	
Expenses of Meetings (Boards & Executive)	1,373.75	
	$119,170.35	$121,680.52

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Woman's College Specials		$32.00	
Accrued interests on Annuity Investments		277.24	
		$119,479.59	
Transferred to Annunity Fund	$228.94		
Less amount transferred from Saskatoon College Fund	9.32	219.62	$119,699.21
Balance Cash on hand July 31, 1924			$1,981.31

SCHOLARSHIP AND LOAN FUND FOR WOMEN

Balance on hand August 1, 1923	$598.23	
RECEIPTS		
Interest on Bonds	$50.00	
Interest on Deposit	26.81	
Individuals	27.50	
Treasurer United Lutheran Church	25.00	
	$727.54	
DISBURSEMENTS		
By Cash	$200.00	$527.54

CALIFORNIA COLLEGE FUND

Balance August 1, 1923	$60.00

BREKLUM-KROPP RELIEF FUND

Treasurer United Lutheran Church	$682.20

PERMANENT MINISTERIAL EDUCATION FUND

PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT

Balance August 1, 1923	$705.08	
Miscellaneous Receipts	496.91	
	$1,201.99	
DISBURSEMENTS		
Invested in 1,000 B. & O. 6's 1929 @ 102¼	$1,022.50	
Balance on hand		$179.49

PERMANENT MINISTERIAL EDUCATION FUND

INCOME ACCOUNT

Interest on Deposit	$30.10	
Accrued Interest on Investments	29.00	
		$1.10

ANNUITIES PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT

Balance on hand August 1, 1923	$67.87

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RECEIPTS

Sept. 25 to Cash	$1,000.00	
1924		
Feb. 28 to Cash	1,000.00	
May 29 to Cash	5,262.33	
June 21 to Cash	12,000.00	
July 31 Transferred from General Fund	228.94	$19,491.27
		$19,559.14

DISBURSEMENTS

Invested (see list)	$12.104.76	
Balance	7,454.38	
	$19,559.14	$19,559.14

SASKATOON SEMINARY AND COLLEGE BUILDING FUND

Balance on hand August 1, 1923		$209.32

DISBURSEMENTS

Northwestern Mission Board	$200.00	
Balance transferred to General Fund	9.32	$209.32

INVESTMENTS

ANNUITIES ACCOUNT

5,000 Bell Telephone Co. of Pa. 1st Refunding Mtge. 5's 1948	$4,918.75	
4,600 Phila. Electric 1st Mtge. 5's 1966	4,574.37	
3,000 Pa. R. R. Eq. 5's due 1938	2,974.80	
1,000 Ches. & Ohio Eq. 5's due 1935	969.67	
2,000 Pa. R. R. Eq. 5's due 1938	1,965.60	
1,000 Bell Tel. of Pa. 1st 5's 1948	970.00	
1,000 Pa. R. R. 5's due 1934	992.26	
5000 B. & O. 6's due 1929	5,112,50	
1,000 Phila. Elec. 5½'s due 1947	1,030.00	
5,000 Altoona & Logan Valley 1st Mtge. 4½'s due 1933	4,000.00	
		$27,507.95

SCHOLARSHIP AND LOAN FUND FOR WOMEN

1,000 City of Mandon, North Dakota (Gift of Catherine A. Dussel)	$1,000.00	
1,000 Ches. & Ohio Eq. 5's due 1935	969.68	$1,969.68

PERMANENT MINISTERIAL EDUCATION FUND

1,000 B. & O. 6's 1929		$1,022.50
		$30,500.13

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. SNYDER,
Treasurer.

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Philadelphia, September 2, 1924.

We have audited the accounts of the Board of Education of the United Lutheran Church in America for the year ended July 31, 1924, and we certify that, in our opinion, the foregoing report of the Treasurer is in accordance with the books and is correct.

LYBRAND, ROSS BROS. & MONTGOMERY,
Accountants and Auditors.

By common consent the following paragraphs were permitted to be substituted for corresponding paragraphs in the report as first submitted under the heading "Northwestern and Pacific Seminaries":

"The Buffalo Convention adopted the report of the Survey Commission, approving its findings, among other matters, relative to the locations of the Northwestern Seminary and the Pacific Seminary.

"Since that Convention the Synod of the Northwest has taken no further action on this matter.

"The Pacific Synod has, however, taken action to the effect that it could not do otherwise than adhere to the position unanimously adopted by the Synod in the 1922 Convention in favor of a permanent location of the Pacific Seminary at Seattle, the reasons for which are fully stated in their Statement of Position presented at Buffalo."

Permission was also given to insert the report of Wittenberg College and Hamma Divinity School in the proper place.

Miss Mary Markley, Secretary of the Department for Women Students, delivered an address on the proposed Women's College. The Rev. H. R. Gold, Chairman of the Committee on Students in State Universities, also addressed the Convention.

The Rev. J. Weidley led in prayer, and the convention adjourned until 2:00 P. M.

Afternoon Session

Monday, October 27, 2:00 P. M.

The President called the Convention to order.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. S. N. Carpenter.

The Committee of Reference and Counsel reported. First the

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Chairman of the Committee read the following communication from the Chairman of the Japan Lutheran Church:

Osaka, Japan, October 1, 1924.

Rev. F. H. Knubel, D.D., LL.D., Pres.,
United Lutheran Church in America.

Dear Brother:

It is my privilege and pleasure to carry out the action taken by the annual convention of the United Lutheran Church in Japan held at Arima, Hyogo, Japan, September 6th to 11th, 1924, to the effect that the Japan Lutheran Church send fraternal greetings to the United Lutheran Church in America in convention at Chicago. The Japan Lutheran Church herewith desires to express to you its sincere appreciation of your consecrated and sustained efforts on behalf of the work of extending the Kingdom of God in Japan. Twenty-seven years have elapsed since the first Lutheran work was established in our country. No doubt to our brethren in America the progress of the Church in Japan seems slow, and perhaps sometimes even discouragingly slow, but we witness to the fact that the Kingdom is making steady and sustained progress through your efforts, and we pray that the Lord may richly bless all that the Lutheran Church in America has done and encourage her to still larger and greater labors in the future.

We wish at this time especially to express to the United Lutheran Church in America our heartfelt gratitude for the very generous sympathy of American Lutherans toward our countrymen on the occasion of the dreadful disaster in Tokyo, Yokohama and vicinity. By your public and private expressions of sympathy, by the vast amount of money that you immediately dispatched for relief work, and in various other ways, you have given ample evidence of a brotherly solicitude and affection for us which has deeply impressed not only us but our countrymen at large, and which has done much to make us try to see, through the dark clouds that sometimes seem to threaten, the silver lining of the underlying good will of the Christian people of America.

It is our conviction that there is no power than can save individuals or nations except the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, which you and we preach on opposite shores of the Pacific. We believe there is no other program by which men and nations can live together in harmony, peace and prosperity except the Christian program. We believe that there is no remedy for the ills of men and nations except the application of the Gospel of forgiveness, of righteousness, of truth, of love and peace as our Divine Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ proclaimed it and applied it. To the unceasing proclamation of this Gospel have you and we consecrated ourselves. We pledge you our heartiest co-operation, and pray

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your continued and ever-increasing zeal in your labors for the advancement of the cause of Christ in Japan.

Fraternally,
KOKICHIRO TAKIMOTO,
Chairman, Japan Lutheran Church.

On motion the President was requested to make a proper reply.

The Chairman of the Committee read the following cablegram from Rajahmundry, India. It was received with the same request to the President.

Rajahmundry, October 23, 1924.

Dr. George Drach,
Edgewater Beach Hotel,
Chicago, Ill.

India Council in session at Rajahmundry sends greetings. Prays for the success of Convention, also large advance by our Church in rapidly growing world mission. GRAEFE.

The Committee presented the following resolution which was adopted. (See Minutes, Tuesday P. M., October 28th.—Secy.)

WHEREAS, It is highly desirable that information regarding the work of this Convention, and so far as possible the inspiration of the sessions, be carried to our congregations as fully as possible,

Resolved, That the Executive Board be instructed, at their discretion, to prepare a booklet summarizing the work of this Convention, for general distribution among our members.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Presidents and Executive Committees of Synods give consideration to a plan by which delegates to this Convention appear before as many congregations as possible for the purpose of describing and reporting the work of the Convention and of the United Lutheran Church during the past biennium.

Resolved, That the Executive Board be instructed to study the problem of securing a more equitable distribution of nominations among the various Synods of the United Lutheran Church and to devise some plan looking toward this end, to be used at the next Convention.

The Chairman of the Committee of Reference and Counsel moved that the report concerning the work of the Women's Mis-

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sionary Society be taken up tomorrow afternoon immediately after the report of the Committee of Reference and Counsel.

The motion was adopted.

The Chairman of the Committee announced the presence at the Convention of the Revs. Dr. K. K. Olafson, President of the Icelandic Synod, and A. Haapanen, President of the Suomi Synod.

President Olafson was then introduced and addressed the Convention. The response was made by the Rev. F. G. Gotwald.

The Rev. Mr. Haapanen was then presented and after he had addressed the Convention the response was made by the Rev. J. E. Bittle.

The special order at this time being the item in the report of the Executive Board relating to the Pacific Theological Seminary (Item III, B, 3 (a)), the Secretary read the item referred to and in connection therewith Item 1 of the Supplementary Report of the Executive Board. (See Supplementary Report, Wednesday, October 29th.)

After full discussion Item III, B, 3 (a) of the Executive Board's report was adopted by a rising vote. The vote stood 174 in favor of the motion, 59 opposed.

It was moved and carried, That we commend the Pacific Theological Seminary to the hearty support and sympathy of the Church, Synods, congregations and individuals.

Resuming consideration of the report of the Board of Education, recommendations 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 were adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole.

The Rev. F. O. Evers offered the following resolution concerning Kropp-Breklum Seminary:

In view of the distressing circumstances in which, according to the report, the Seminary at Kropp-Breklum finds itself at this time, and

In view of the valuable contribution to the ranks of the ministry of the Lutheran Church in America by these institutions during a period of forty years, and

In view of the necessity of preserving and strengthening this essential source of supply of pastors for the German-speaking portion of the

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Church and for the large Lutheran immigration to be expected in the nearest future,

Be it resolved:

1. That this Convention send greetings to the trustees of the Kropp-Breklum Seminary, to Director Rohnert and the faculty, and assure these brethren of the sincere interest of the United Lutheran Church in America in their work and welfare, and

2. That this Convention request the Executive Board, the Board of Education and the Board of Northwestern Missions to arrange for such an adjustment in the support of this institution as will more adequately meet the present emergency.

A division of the resolution was called for.

The first section of the resolution was then adopted.

It was moved that the following be adopted as a substitute for the second section of the resolution:

That this Convention request the Executive Board, the Board of Education and the Board of Northwestern Missions to aim to adjust the provisions for Kropp-Breklum so as more adequately to meet the needs of the institution.

The substitute was adopted.

The resolution was adopted as a whole.

The Rev. Paul Koller reported for the Special Committee to which had been referred the question of study and report upon the condition of theological education in the United Lutheran Church as follows:

1. *Resolved*, That a commission be appointed to study the subject of theological education in the United Lutheran Church and to report at the next Convention.

(a) This commission shall consist of ten members. At least two of this number shall be members of the Board of Education.
Executive Board, which Board in its appointments shall give due consideration to all sections of the Church.

(b) The appointment of this commission shall be committed to the

2. *Resolved*, That the Board of Education be asked to make a scientific survey of the educational situation in the United Lutheran Church, in those spheres not covered by the Commission on Theological Education, and that

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it consider the relation of our educational work to the whole status of religious education in our country and Canada.

(a) That the Board of Education, with the approval of the Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church, be empowered to employ impartial experts outside of the Lutheran Church.

(b) That the Board of Education be asked to report, if possible, at the next Convention.

Signed:

J. A. W. HAAS, *Chairman,*
J. L. ZIMMERMAN,
H. OFFERMANN,
F. P. MANHART,
P. W. KOLLER.

It was moved and carried, That resolution 1 (a) and (b) be adopted as a substitute for the recommendation of the Executive Board concerning the matter. (See Executive Board's report, XIII, 1.)

Resolution 2, (a) and (b), was adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole.

Dr. W. L. Hunton, Secretary of the Parish and Church-School Board, presented the report of that Board.

REPORT OF THE PARISH AND CHURCH-SCHOOL BOARD

THE PROBLEM OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The problem of developing Religious Education in our parishes through Church Schools, Bible study and a Weekday Religious Education Program is one of the outstanding tasks of the Church. During the past biennium, the Parish and Church-School Board, realizing the importance of this problem and the magnitude of the task, has given itself especially to the development of plans, methods and material.

With this subject in mind and recognizing its importance, several conferences were held during the biennium. To these conferences, there were invited, in addition to special committees of the Board, persons who had been successful in developing various types of parish education. These con-

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ferences proved most fruitful in developing clear ideas of theory and practical plans for the application of the theory.

The Board has prepared a "Hand-Book of Weekday Religious Instruction" which presents a resume of the need, purpose and problems of this type of religious education, together with outlines of various courses in actual use and suggestions for special courses to be introduced. A "Program for Weekday Religious Schools" has been arranged, the literature available for use in the carrying out of such a program being indicated. The Board of Publication has also issued a special catalog of books published by our own Publication House, which are available for use in Weekday Religious Schools. The Junior Class Manual, a pre-confirmation textbook, by the Rev. G. J. Muller, is probably the most important piece of literature which has been published for use in Weekday Schools during the biennium. It is a practical textbook developed through actual use of the material and provides exactly what is needed for use in a school composed of those looking forward to confirmation. In addition, the Lutheran Graded Series is recommended for use in schools, especially where it is not already introduced into the Sunday school.

It will thus be seen that quite an amount of literature is available and definite work is planned. In anticipation of the greater development of this work, the Board has in contemplation the preparation of additional textbooks as part of a Weekday Religious School series of books, treating on the Bible, Church History, Faith, Worship and Work, together with its Liturgy and Hymnology.

Recognizing the importance of this subject, the Board advises that it be included in the synodical programs, and is prepared to co-operate with Synodical Religious Committees in the preparation and presentation of such programs.

For the purpose of gathering statistics and of getting a clearer and more comprehensive view of religious educational conditions in our parishes, an official Questionnaire has been prepared and will be furnished on request. It should be used by all our Synods in seeking information concerning educational work in their parishes.

The Synods are requested to make provision for an officer to be known as Parish and Church-School Secretary or Director of Religious Education. This representative should be one who is familiar with the problems and interested in the work of Religious Education and who will act as a synodical representative to co-operate with the Parish and Church-School Board in unifying and co-ordinating the work.

Teacher Training Schools

In view of the need of training schools for Church workers, this Board, in connection with the Board of Deaconess Work and the Inner Mission Board, has prepared a diploma which is issued by the Parish and Church-

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School Board for the completion of definite courses in institutes for the training of Church workers.

Substantial progress has been made toward the perfection of recognized courses for these training schools. The aim is to establish uniform courses with elective subjects of required standards, in order that the diploma will stand, not only for an approved course, but a course with sufficient variation to make it useful in the several departments of teacher training for Christian Service.

1. The Life of Christ.
2. The Bible.
3. Christian Doctrine.
4. Christian Worship.
5. Christian Ethics.
6. Church History.
7. Missions.
8. Practical and Applied Christianity.
9. Pedagogics.

The establishment of such schools is urged upon the Synods, Conferences and communities and the co-operation of the officers of the Board in this work is assured.

Our Bible School Work

Without exception the literature which has been previously published for our English Bible Schools was continued during the biennium. We believe that through the efforts of our editors decided improvements have been made in some of this literature.

In the preparation of the lessons of the uniform series, for use in our Lutheran Schools, owing to the fact that the schedule for 1924, as arranged by the International Lesson Committee, could not be harmonized with the Lutheran Church Year principle, by unanimous action of our Board, the order of the lessons was reversed, making it possible, with slight changes, to present an orderly Church Year schedule. In view of the fact that the schedules for the coming years have been made out in consultation with our own editors, this variation will not occur again and it will be possible for us to use the lessons as scheduled, with slight changes.

Our Lesson Commentary, which was begun in 1922, and which was a continuation of the Lutheran Lesson Commentary of the former General Council, from its first issue, met with a hearty response from the Church. The result is that the Commentary has been continued, and we believe from year to year improved. The Commentary for the year 1925 is already published. The existence of a Commentary of this character makes it possible for our teachers to have all the supplementary material which they may need prepared under our own editors.

The Augsburg Series of Lessons, based on the Uniform Lessons of the International Sunday School Council has steadily gained in circulation

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and prestige, and is recognized by others than Lutherans as of superior merit. The material furnished for our schools in this entire series has all come from Lutheran pens and passed under the eyes of our own editors. The aim is to provide systematic and intensive Bible study which will increase the knowledge and strengthen the faith of our Lutheran people.

Our Lutheran Graded Series

Our Lutheran Graded Series of Sunday School Lessons has been continued and the various grades published in bound form in new editions from time to time. The scholar's grades have also been published in quarterly or periodical form.

The basic textbook of the entire series, "In Mother's Arms," which is issued both as a bound book and as booklets for the use of the pastor, the superintendent of the school and the superintendent of the Cradle Roll (Font Roll), together with eight quarterly booklets for distribution to mothers of babes, has been issued in a new, revised edition. There is nothing in Sunday school literature of which we have knowledge which will compare with "In Mother's Arms."

For emphasis we give the following list of the official literature of the Church provided for our Bible schools:

In Mother's Arms.....Eleven Booklets (Cradle Roll)

Primary

Wonderland .....(Scholar's Weekly) Sunbeams .....(Teacher's Quarterly)	4 and 5 years
Workland .....(Scholar's Weekly) Sunshine .....(Teacher's Quarterly)	6 and 7 years
Pictureland .....(Teacher's Quarterly) Sunrays .....(Scholar's Weekly Picture Card) Picture Charts .....(Department Lesson Chart) Pictureland Weekly ..(Scholar's Weekly)	8 and 9 years

Intermediate Department

(Parallel Courses)

The Graded Course	The Uniform Courses
Bible Story 10 years Bible Readings 11 years Bible History 12 years	The Junior Lesson Book 10-12 years

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Bible Facts and Scenes
13 years
Bible Biography
14 years
Bible Teachings
15 years
Bible Outlines
16 years

} The Intermediate Lesson Book
13-16 years

Young People's Department

The Senior Lesson Book
17-20 years

The Adult Department

Adult Bible Class Lesson Book
21 years and above
The Home Department Lesson Book

Teachers' Helps

The Lesson Commentary (Annual Bound Volume)
The Augsburg Teacher (Monthly)

The revision of the Primary Grades of this series is now well advanced. The two years of Wonderland and of Workland have been revised, and Pictureland is now being furnished in revised form. A new revised edition of the picture charts has also been secured. The financial problem in connection with these charts was a difficult one to solve; but by making some modifications in the series, it was possible through the enterprise of the Business Manager of our Publication Board, not only to have a new edition of the charts published, but to secure them at a reduction in price. With the full equipment available for our Primary Schools in all three of the grades, we see no reason why our schools generally should not adopt this series, which is our official primary literature.

In the Intermediate Grades, Bible Story has been the largest seller, and the most popular book in the entire series. It is now issued in revised edition. A general study of the grades, with a view to improvement, is now being made. In the revision of any of the grades and of the system as such, special care is taken to serve the interests of the schools, and to make it possible for schools to use the literature they already have until a better and revised edition of the same grades shall have been provided. We publish this statement to encourage our schools to make use of the system.

Periodicals

Our various papers published for distribution to the children of the Church have all enjoyed an increasing circulation during the biennium, and without exception the editors are receiving constant expressions of approval of these periodicals. They are as follows:

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"Lutheran Young Folks," an illustrated weekly for older pupils and adults; "Lutheran Boys and Girls," which is a combination Sunday school and Missionary paper for boys and girls, ten to thirteen years of age. The Primary papers for the three grades of the Primary Department, namely, "Sunbeams," "Sunshine" and "Pictureland Weekly," being the papers for the "Wonderland," "Workland" and "Pictureland" grades respectively. The Publication Board also publishes "Little Ones." This paper is not a part of the official literature of the Church, but is continued for those who still use the uniform international lesson for their beginners.

Our Sunday School Standard

Our Sunday School Standard which was approved at the last Convention of the United Lutheran Church has been published through our Magazine and the Church papers. It has also been issued in circular form and in poster form. The purpose is to encourage higher ideals in our schools and to spur them to work up to the standard and secure the certificate which places them in our Roll of Honor.

New Hymnals

At the last Convention of the United Lutheran Church, two hymnals were authorized, a Standard Service Book and a Popular Hymnal. In the development of these hymnals, the Committee of the Parish and Church-School Board has been in constant conference with a Committee of the Common Service Book Committee. The selection of hymns, subject to elimination and revision, has been practically completed, and the determination of the music for the hymns, together with the Order of Service, Lessons, Psalms, Prayers, etc., to be included is well advanced. The aim of the Board is, if possible, to have the text of the two hymnals completed during the present year. If our aims are realized, these official hymnals for our schools should both be issued during the coming biennium.

Libraries

Our workers in our schools and congregations will be materially aided in their work and developed in efficiency through a well established Worker's Library. With this thought in mind, a systematic effort has been made to prepare a recommended list of books for such a library. This list has been tentatively published and is subject to revisions and constant additions. It is proposed to make it available as a guide for the creation of such libraries in all our congregations.

To advance the intellectual and spiritual interests of our young people, a general reading library should be made available. This is particularly the case in congregations where there is not access to public libraries. As a guide in the establishment of these libraries, in local churches, and as a guide also in the efforts to have placed in public libraries books of a proper character which will make for the development of the young people of our congregations, a general reading or library list has been prepared.

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This also has been tentatively published and its final appearance in pamphlet form authorized. It is urged that parishes and workers secure copies of these recommended lists of books and use them as guides in the establishment of parish libraries or in requesting additions to public libraries.

The Problem of Field Secretaries

One of the special needs for the advancement of the work of the Parish and Church-School Board is closer contact with the Synods, Conferences and also wherever possible with the congregation and local communities. This contact is necessary to create interest, insure uniformity and efficiency and to inspire to greater thoroughness as well as higher ideals and aims.

To this end having secured through the action of the United Lutheran Church at Buffalo and endorsement of the Executive Board, the assurance of the support of the Church, comprehensive plans have been mapped out and a beginning has been made in the selection of a Field Secretary for the Middle West in the person of the Rev. Charles H. B. Lewis, D.D., who entered upon his duties June 15, 1924. The Board contemplates, through its editors and Field Secretaries, to establish contacts with the whole Church and to co-operate in every way possible in systematizing our educational work and developing a comprehensive religious educational program. This program, according to previous recommendations of the United Lutheran Church, has been thus far worked out to the point that we have recommended the organization of our religious educational forces along synodical and conference lines. In addition, it is the purpose and aim of the Board wherever possible, to co-operate with local communities in the development of Lutheran Training Schools and Teacher Training work and Bible School institutes.

A good beginning in this direction has been made in training schools for Christian workers and an official diploma in which the Board of Deaconess Work and the Inner Mission Board are co-operating with the Parish and Church-School Board, as explained under the item of Teacher Training Schools, has been published. The Board desires to co-operate with all Synods in this work and would recommend that the Church advise Synods wherever possible to have a Field Secretary or Religious Educational Director or at least a special Committee on this work.

Our Educational Magazine

The Parish and Church-School Magazine, which is now in its fourth volume, is a very helpful agency in the aims and problems of our Church. Through its columns, many of the experts of our Church are speaking and presenting both theory and experience. The pages of this magazine are regularly filled with material which is of the greatest value to every Lutheran interested in the education and development of the people of our congregations. As a technical magazine, it is essential on the table of

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every member of our congregations who is engaged in any phase of the Educational or Parish work in our churches. We would ask that the Church recommend to the congregations the advisability of placing this magazine in the hands of all such workers.

Constitutions

A series of model Constitutions for local Sunday Schools, Sunday School Institutes and Conference and Synodical Sunday School Associations are in progress of preparation. Their general use when finally approved is urged upon the Synods. By this method a uniform government and uniformity in method of administration and instruction will be assured.

Nominations

The following members of the Board whose terms expire with this Convention all of whom are active in the work of the Board are herewith nominated for re-election for the term of six years:

The Rev. W. L. Hunton, Ph.D., D.D.
The Rev. T. Bruce Birch, Ph.D.
The Rev. Charles F. Dapp, Ph.D.
Prof. Gilbert P. Voigt.

Recommendations

1. We recommend that the Parish and Church-School Board be authorized to develop and provide special textbooks for Weekday Religious Schools.

II. We approve the organization of training schools for Church workers and recommend that Synodical and other groups, in consultation with the Parish and Church-School Board, establish such schools.

III. We recommend that for work in our Training Schools for Church Workers, as well as in our Weekday Religious Schools, where texts from Lutheran authors are not now available, the Board be authorized to secure manuscripts and issue special textbooks.

IV. We rejoice in the progress made in the development of the Lutheran Graded Lessons and recommend that special emphasis be laid on the preparation of comprehensive helps for the use of teachers in all the grades.

V. With special gratification, we note the progress made in the publication of suitable periodicals or religious papers for the children of the Church and in view of the fact that we now have papers for the various ages, we recommend that our schools be urged to use only our own religious papers.

VI. We commend the progress made in the preparation of the two proposed hymnals for use in the schools of the Church and recommend that the Committee in charge be requested to complete and publish these hymnals at the earliest possible date.

VII. We recommend the establishment of libraries in connection with our churches, especially where public libraries are not available and in the

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establishment of such libraries, advise the use of the recommended lists of books arranged by the Parish and Church-School Board.

VIII. We approve the principles of employing Field Secretaries to do religious educational work in co-operation with our Synods, Conferences and congregations and recommend that the number of such Field Secretaries be increased as rapidly as possible.

In view of the great educational value of such representatives who can reach down through the Synods into the conferences and congregations and develop interest and efficiency, the Board feels that if it is to meet the expectations of the Church, it must have a large fund available for the prosecution of this work which is purely educational and largely missionary.

IX. We recommend the educational magazine of the Parish and Church-School to the favorable consideration of all our people who are in any way interested in the plans, problems and development of Religious Educational Work. As a technical magazine, it should be found in every worker's hands. Approved by the Board.

CHARLES P. WILES, *President*,
WILLIAM L. HUNTON, *Secretary*.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF THE PARISH AND CHURCH-SCHOOL BOARD

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

For the Year ended July 31, 1924

RECEIPTS:

United Lutheran Church on Apportionment	$4,213.00	
United Lutheran Church, Specials	205.97	
General Donation	1.00	
Total Receipts		4,419.97

DISBURSEMENTS:

Salary of Field Secretary	$412.50	
Expenses of Field Secretary	151.55	
Expenses of Hymnal Committee	141.66	
Expenses of Board Meetings	642.01	
Stationery	8.50	
Official Seal of the Board	6.00	
Total Disbursements		$1,362.22
Cash Balance, July 31, 1924		$3,057.75

Respectfully submitted,
H. M. M. RICHARDS, *Treasurer*.

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PHILADELPHIA, September 4, 1924.

We have audited the accounts of the Parish and Church School Board of the United Lutheran Church in America for the year ended July 31, 1924, and we certify that, in our opinion, the foregoing statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the year ended July 31, 1924, is in accordance with the books of account and is correct.

LYBRAND, ROSS BROS. & MONTGOMERY,
Accountants and Auditors.

The resolutions I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII and IX were adopted.

The Rev. C. P. Wiles addressed the Convention and thereupon the report was adopted as a whole.

The Rev. C. P. Harry, Chairman of the Committee on Boys' Work, reported as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WORK AMONG BOYS

Meetings: The Committee held one meeting, January 23, 1923, in the Parish House of the Church of the Holy Communion. Rev. C. P. Harry was elected chairman, Rev. G. H. Bechtold, secretary and treasurer. The Committee chose an Executive Committee consisting of the officers, Rev. Stanley Billheimer, D.D., Rev. Luther De Yoe, D.D., Mr. George M. Jones, Reading, Pa., with instructions to meet as often as necessary to carry on the business of the Committee and to call another meeting of the Committee when necessary.

The Executive Committee met four (4) times during the biennium. There being no business which could not be laid before the other members of the Committee by correspondence, a second meeting of the Committee was not called.

Conference of Workers With Boys: A Conference of workers with boys was called in connection with the meeting of the Inter-Synodical Inner Mission Conference, May 17, 1923, at Toledo, Ohio, and was attended by members of the Committee and workers among boys in the Middle West. Camping, conferences, approach to boys, father and son problems and the like, were discussed fully.

Relation With the Parish and Church-School Board: In conference with the officers of the Parish and Church-School Board the following agreements were entered into:

I. A column is to be available in the Augsburg Teacher for review of Boys' Books and for articles or paragraphs on Boys' Work.

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II. In the compilation of lists of Recommended Books, the Boys' Work Committee is invited to name special books for boys and on Boys' Work which may be listed under proper classification headings in these "Official Book Lists."

III. In the Field Work of the representatives of the Parish and Church-School Board representatives at institutes, conventions, summer schools, etc., literature and information concerning Boys' Work is to be furnished and the work presented. When possible for Boys' Work Committee members to do so, they may also represent the work of the Parish and Church-School Board.

IV. In the future selection of Field Secretaries of the Parish and Church-School Board, if the Boys' Work Committee determines to co-ordinate their work with that of the Parish and Church-School Board, the latter will welcome suggestions of possible Secretary and undertake to have its various editors and representatives posted on all phases of the Work Among Boys.

Investigation of Boys' Movements: The Committee has continued to carry on its survey of various boys' movements which claim the attention of our pastors and Sunday school workers in different parts of the territory of the United Lutheran Church in America. The results of these investigations are on file with the chairman, and inquiries at any time will be promptly answered.

Camps and Conferences: The Committee would like to call the attention of the United Lutheran Church in America to the large and increasing number of camps and conferences being held in the Constituent Synods through the Boys' Committees of the Synods. Conferences have been reported to the Committee in the following Synods: Alleghany, New York, New York and New England, New York Ministerium, East Pennsylvania, Ministerium of Pennsylvania, Northwest, Susquehanna, Ohio.

Camps have been reported in the following Synods: Pittsburgh, Ohio, Ministerium of Pennsylvania, East Pennsylvania, California, Kansas, Pacific.

Father and Son meetings have been reported in the following Synods: Alleghany, East Pennsylvania, Northwest, Ohio.

Literature: The Committee has revised and reissued pamphlets—one on Camps and the other on Conferences for Boys, which were published during the previous biennium. Copies are in the hands of the Secretary and may be procured by request.

Boys' Intermediate Luther League: One of the finest developments in the Work Among Boys of our Church in the past biennium is the well-considered and efficient program worked out by the Intermediate Committee of the Luther League of America. It is a well-balanced program in itself and can be readily used where other boy organizations have already been established in the Church, particularly Boy Scouts.

The Committee would take this opportunity of very heartily commending the work of the Intermediate Committee of the Luther League of

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America. In view of this fact and also in view of the fact that the Luther League of America has been recognized as the official Young People's organization of the Church, the Committee is of the opinion that special assistance should be given the Luther League in order that the Boys' Work of the Church in connection with it may be carried on in the most efficient manner, and particularly because the Boys' Work Committee is convinced that the United Lutheran Church in America should have a man giving his entire time to Boys' Work—an expert always available. The Committee therefore begs leave to recommend:

Recommendation: The Committee recommends that the United Lutheran Church in America appropriate five thousand dollars ($5000.00) annually for the next biennium to the Luther League of America for the purpose of calling an Intermediate Secretary with special reference to Boys' Work, and for paying his salary and expenses.

Respectfully submitted,

C. P. HARRY, *Chairman*,
G. H. BECHTOLD,
A. E. DIETZ,
CHARLES M. TEUFEL,
H. D. HOOVER,
C. J. DRIEVER,
C. A. DENNIG,
A. B. MACINTOSH,
GEORGE BEISWANGER,
GEO. H. RHODES,
H. MANKEN, JR.,
LUTHER DE YOE,
A. T. MICHLER,
STANLEY BILLHEIMER,
GEORGE M. JONES.

On motion to adopt the recommendation of the Committee, the President ruled that according to a standing resolution adopted at a previous session of this Convention, this recommendation must be submitted to the Finance Committee before it can be brought to the Convention. The recommendation having been so referred, the report was adopted. (For action on the recommendation see Report of Finance Committee, Wednesday, October 29th.—Secy.)

Mr. Grant Hultberg, Business Manager of the Board of Publication, submitted the report of that Board.

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION

Dedication

An outstanding event in the annals of publication work in the Lutheran Church was the dedication of the Muhlenberg Building, the new publication home in Philadelphia, on Tuesday, April 29, 1924. A large number of friends of the publication work assembled that day in the Book Room on the ground floor, where seating arrangements had been provided. The Dedication Exercises were presided over by the President of the Board, William C. Stoever, Litt.D., a veteran in the publication work of the Church. Addresses were delivered by Dr. C. M. Jacobs on behalf of the Board, and by E. Clarence Miller, LL.D., on behalf of the Church. The formal dedication of the building was by the President of the United Lutheran Church, the Rev. F. H. Knubel, D.D., LL.D. In this connection it may be mentioned that the cornerstone of the Muhlenberg Building was laid by Dr. F. H. Knubel on January 31, 1923, in the presence of the Board members and other interested friends.

New Publication Buildings

The new Publication Building at Thirteenth and Spruce Streets, Philadelphia, known as the Muhlenberg Building, has been completed and equipped during the biennium. This building represents the investment of $520,000, exclusive of the ground, for which $150,000 was paid. The Board has occupied the building since the first of November, 1923, when we moved from the rented quarters at Ninth and Sansom Streets. Additional equipment to the amount of $64,000 has been installed in the new building. The Board's facilities for handling the publication business of the Church have thus been very materially enlarged. The manufacturing facilities alone have been increased by fully 50 per cent, enabling us to produce all but two of our periodicals, and most of our publications in our own plant at a considerable saving to the Board, and with assurance of high-grade work.

Early in 1923, a building with ground at the corner of Cass and Chestnut Streets, Chicago, was purchased to provide added facilities and more adequate quarters for the Chicago Branch. Forty-five thousand dollars were paid for this property, and alterations and additions brought the cost up to $66,000. The property consists of a corner lot 25x86 feet, facing a small park in a location undoubtedly destined soon to become a part of Chicago's main business section. On this lot there was a two-story and basement brick residence which has been remodeled and enlarged to provide a light and comfortable ground floor Book Room, and adequate office space for the Home Mission Board and other Church agencies with headquarters in Chicago.

In acquiring the Chicago property, the Board found it advisable, under

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the Illinois law governing corporations not for peculiar profit, to take title in the name of the business manager as trustee. The Board is, however, anxious to have the title vested directly in the name of the Board. In order that this may be done with security, and the interests of the Church and the Board may be properly safeguarded in every way, a resolution has been prepared for adoption by the Convention. This resolution is appended to this report as Recommendation 2.

The Board's indebtedness on all its property consists of a mortgage of $90,000 on the Philadelphia property and one of $8500 on the property at Columbia, South Carolina.

New Books

New books published during the biennium include the following titles: "The Way," by Charles M. Jacobs, D.D.; "I Believe," by William L. Hunton, D.D.; "Six Years in Hammock Land," by the Rev. Ralph J. White; "Gospel Truths," by J. E. Whitteker, D.D.; "Wrecks Rebuilt," by the Rev. Walter Krumwiede; "Sermons on the Gospels, Vol, II," by E. P. Pfatteicher, D.D.; "Russellism," by Joseph Stump, D.D.; "The Sunday Problem," by the Committee on Moral and Social Welfare; "The Kingly Christ, Vols. I and II," by G. A. Getty, D.D.; "The Lutheran Church in American History," by A. R. Wentz, D.D.; "The Junior Class Manual," by the Rev. G. J. Muller; "The Living Christ," by T. E. Schmauk, D.D., compiled by the Rev. A. C. R. Keiter; "Paths in the Wilderness," by the Rev. C. E. Sparks; "Jesus, Wer Er War und Was Er Wollte," by H. Offermann, D.D.; "The Story of Jesus," by M. Hadwin Fischer, Ph.D.; "Introits and Graduals," by H. Alexander Matthews and Luther D. Reed, D.D.; "Fishing for Fishers of Men," by the Rev. Carroll J. Rockey.

The total of the new books published amounts to 143,280 copies. The Year Book of the United Lutheran Church has appeared each year and Der Lutherische Kalender has been published jointly with the Lutheran Literary Board. The Crucifixion, a Good Friday Service, by the Rev. George Dorn, D.D., was published for Good Friday this year, and shortly after the Buffalo Convention, "The Heritage of the Child," by Mrs. Laura Scherer Copenhaver, came off the press. This was the pageant that was presented at the Convention. The Lutheran Lesson Commentary has been continued and each new volume has been received with increasing interest and demand. "The First Christmas," by the Rev. C. F. Steck, Jr., and "In the Light of the Bethlehem Star," by Miss Erin Kohn, two Christmas pageants, were issued for the holiday season of 1923. The Parish and Church-School Board has prepared a Handbook of Weekday Religious Instruction and also a Program for such schools. Both of these have been issued by this Board. The Church Year Calendar has been continued and the edition for 1925 is now ready.

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Reprints

The reprints issued during the biennium total 392,500 copies. These include new editions of Golden Treasury, Life of Luther by Koestlin, Book of Concord (People's Edition), Way of the Cross, Doctrinal Theology, The Conservative Reformation, The Perfect Prayer, Elements of Religion, Book of Concord, Vols. I and II, That Man Donaleitis, Twice Born Men in America. A large number of titles in the Lutheran Graded Series have been reprinted and this applies also to the Teachers' Training Course.

Pamphlets and Tracts

A total of 198,000 new pamphlets and tracts including Christmas and Easter Services for the Sunday School have been issued during the biennium and 114,000 reprints have been published.

Hymnals

Hymns and Prayers for Church Societies and Assemblies, compiled and edited by the Common Service Book Committee, was first published in July, 1923. This little hymnal has been very well received. It is being used by an increasing number of societies and organizations in our churches. Shortly after the Buffalo Convention, a Mission Edition of the Common Service Book with Music, known as No. 590, was put on the market. This edition of the book has been so well received that three large editions have already been printed. Of the various hymnals, there have been published since the last report, the following number of copies: Common Service Book, 55,000; Book of Worship, 22,000; Church Book, 8,000; Kirchenbuch, 7,000.

Periodicals

The average circulation of the periodicals during the first year of the biennium was: weeklies, 174,200; monthlies, 152,800, and quarterlies, 466,700. The average circulation of the various periodicals for the first six months of 1924 was as follows:

The Lutheran	33,000
Lutheran Young Folks	97,000
Lutheran Boys and Girls	38,000
Lutherischer Herold	7,200
Sunbeams	34,500
Sunshine	21,000
Augsburg Teacher	34,500
Pictureland Weekly	9,500
Little Ones	30,500
Lesson Leaves	20,700
Jugend Freund	4,500
Home Department Lesson Book	30,500
Adult Lesson Book	77,000

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Senior Lesson Book	160,000
Intermediate Lesson Book	62,000
Junior Lesson Book	50,000
Parish and Church-School	2,000
Bible Outlines	1,800
Bible Teachings	3,100
Bible Biography	2,900
Bible Scenes	3,300
Bible History	4,800
Bible Readings	5,300
Bible Story	7,800
Pictureland	3,000
Workland	2,000
Wonderland	3,000
Sunrays	45,000
Sonnenstrahlen	3,500

Church Papers

The Lutheran has been continued as a 32-page paper with the exception of one issue in 1923. An attempt was then made to reduce the size to 16 pages during the month of July. This brought so many immediate protests that the attempt was at once abandoned. The consolidation of *Der Deutsche Lutheraner* and *Lutherischer Zions Bote* was effected in October, 1923, under the name of *Lutherischer Herold*. The paper has been continued under the latter name as a 12-page paper with a 16-page issue for the last week of each month.

The report of the Committee on Church Papers deals with the policy and editorial merits of these weekly papers. The Board of Publication has consistently complimented the high literary standards of the editors by issuing these journals in the best form possible. Good paper and painstaking "make up" enable the United Lutheran Church's periodicals to rank in the first class of religious journals.

Both of these publications have required considerable financial support from the Board as the subscription receipts are not sufficient to cover the expense of publication and the advertising income is necessarily limited. With the stabilizing of the cost of production, it is hoped that the deficit can be materially decreased. Whether either or both of the papers can be made entirely self-sustaining without readjustment of size or subscription price is a question that cannot be answered at this time. A most encouraging feature is that the deficit on *The Lutheran* in particular has been materially reduced during the past year.

With the knowledge and consent of the Executive Board, the first Sunday of October and its week was presented to the congregations as Church Periodical Week. In view of the many vital questions of religion, ethics and church that demand attention, and because Lutheranism must make a definite contribution to the discussion and settlement of these questions, and since October culminates in the celebration of the date of the restora-

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tion of evangelic principles, we recommend that a similar designation of the first Sunday of October and its week be authorized and that religious reading in general as well as the periodicals of the Church be stressed.

Publication Program

The Publication Program reported to the Buffalo Convention has ever been kept in mind. Most of the manuscript for the completion of Luther's Works in English is now ready for the printer, and it is hoped that this valuable work can be completed before the next Convention.

A series of Study Books on the Church and its activities, sponsored by the Secretaries' Conference is now under way. The first volume of the series, entitled "Our Church," should be ready by the time of this Convention and other volumes should follow at regular intervals.

Two Study Books, The Junior Class Manual for use in Pre-Confirmation classes, and The Story of Jesus for use in Training Schools, Summer Assemblies and Camps have been published. The History of the Lutheran Church in this country was brought out last year, and an Outline of the History of the entire Church up to the end of the Nineteenth Century is now on the press. We further have on the press The Ecclesiastical Year, a study of the Introits, Collects, Epistles and Gospels for the Church; also an Introduction to the Epistles and Gospels of the Church Year. Considerable progress has thus been made on the program as outlined two years ago. Expansion and modification of this program is constantly being considered.

Organization

Following the Buffalo Convention, the Board of Publication had its first regular meeting October 31, 1922. Dr. Samuel P. Sadtler was elected President; Dr. Wm. C. Stoever, Vice-President; Dr. N. R. Melhorn, Secretary; and Mr. E. G. Hoover, Treasurer. With deep feeling of the valuable services rendered by Dr. Sadtler, we have to report his death on December 20, 1923. Dr. Sadtler had served as President of this Board since its organization in 1918, and for a number of years prior thereto, had been a member and president of the General Council Board. He took a deep interest in the publication work of the Church, with which he had familiarized himself by years of devoted attention.

At the January meeting, Dr. Wm. C. Stoever was elected President, and Mr. John M. Snyder, Vice-President. The vacancy on the Board caused by the death of Dr. Sadtler was filled by the election of Mr. O. W. Osterlund by the Executive Board following his nomination by the Board of Publication. Eight meetings of the Board have been held during the biennium.

Standing Committees

The Board's Executive Committee has held monthly meetings during the biennium. The various Standing Committees have been made up as follows:

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Manufacture and Sales: E. F. Eilert, D. F. Yost, A. H. Kohn.
Real Estate and Accounting: G. E. Schlegelmilch, D. F. Efird, Croll Keller.
Religious Literature: C. M. Jacobs, A. R. Wentz, A. H. Holthusen.
Secular Literature: S. W. Herman, C. J. Cooper, C. F. Steck.

Terms Expire at This Convention

Those whose terms expire at this time are: C. F. Steck, N. R. Melhorn, F. P. Manhart, D. F. Efird, George D. Boschen, Geo. E. Schlegelmilch and E. F. Eilert. The Board has placed the above names on the ballot as nominees meriting re-election. They likewise recommend the election of O. W. Osterlund for the unexpired term of the late Dr. Sadtler.

Recommendations

The Board would submit the following for your favorable action:

1. *Resolved,* That the week beginning with the first Sunday in October be designated as "Church Periodical Week," and that the circulation and reading of the periodicals and publications of the Church, and religious literature in general, be particularly stressed during that time.

2. *Resolved,* That the Board of Publication of The United Lutheran Church in America is hereby authorized and empowered, whenever it deems it to be in the best interest of the Church and the Board, to sell, encumber and convey, by its President and attested by its Secretary, the property owned by said Board, commonly known as No. 860 Cass Street in the city of Chicago, Illinois, more particularly described as follows, to wit: Lot Three (3) in Owners' Resubdivision of the East One hundred seventy-three and fifty-three one-hundredths (173.53) feet of Lot Five (5) of the County Clerk's Redivision of Block Fifteen (15) of the Canal Trustees' Subdivision of the South West fractional quarter of Section Three (3), Township Thirty-nine (39) North, Range Fourteen (14), East of the Third (3rd) Principal Meridian, situate in the City of Chicago, County of Cook, in the State of Illinois.

Respectfully submitted,
John M. Snyder, *Vice-President,*
Nathan R. Melhorn, *Secretary.*

BOARD OF PUBLICATION BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

Consolidated Profit and Loss Account

For the Year Ended 30th of June, 1923

Gross Sales of Books, Advertising, etc	$642,603.48	
Less Returns, Allowances and Discounts	16,053.20	
Net Sales		$626,550.28
Cost of Sales:		
Purchases of Materials, Printing and Binding	$370,423.81	
Printing Department and Editorial Wages and Salaries	65,171.93	
Author and Contributors	8,156.68	
Royalties	1,483.95	

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Shipping and Mailing Expenses, including Postage		40,479.07	
Freight, Expressage and Hauling		3,681.86	
Rent		14,100.00	
Power and Light		2,477.39	
General Manufacturing Expense		3,205.94	
Insurance		1,509.72	
Taxes		3,677.20	
Depreciation of Machinery, etc.		5,955.49	
		$520,323.04	
Deduct:			
Increase in Inventories	$9,362.14		
Sales of Waste, etc.	1,958.74		
Discounts on Purchases	2,813.08		
		14,133.96	
			506,189.08
Gross Profit on Sales			$120,361.20
Selling, Administrative and General Expenses:			
Executive and Office Salaries		$50,258.03	
Office Supplies and Expenses		3,897.67	
Expenses of Board Meetings, etc		903.30	
Telephone, Telegraph and Messenger		889.07	
Advertising		841.67	
Legal and Auditing		1,963.89	
Memberships		435.00	
Traveling Expenses		2,701.87	
General Expenses		1,093.22	
Branch Office:			
Rentals	$6,976.50		
Postage	1,954.11		
Freight, Hauling, Shipping, etc.	1,481.74		
Insurance	733.33		
Taxes and Water Rent	43.10		
Moving Expenses	178.15		
Adjustment of Differences between Branch Office and Philadelphia Office Accounts	703.66		
		12,070.59	
Uncollectible Accounts Written Off		1,145.76	
Reserve for Doubtful Accounts		2,000.00	
Depreciation of Furniture and Fixtures		1,841.71	
Appropriation to the Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church in America		846.00	
			80,887.78
			$39,473.42
Other Income:			
Rental from Properties	$5,609.44		
Less Taxes and Expenses of Properties	2,975.76		
		$2,633.68	

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Interest:			
On Investments	$24,420.32		
On Bank Balances	1,822.33		
		26,242.65	
			28,876.33
Profit before Interest			$68,349.75
Interest:			
On Mortgages		$6,330.00	
On Loans		863.32	
			7,193.32
Net Profit for the Period			$61,156.43

CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

For the Year Ended 30th of June, 1924.

Gross Sales of Books, Advertising, etc.		$667,130.17	
Less Returns, Allowances, and Discounts		15,951.00	
Net Sales			$651,179.17
Cost of Sales:			
Purchases of Materials, Printing and Binding		$350,351.68	
Printing Department and Editorial Wages and Salaries		82,060.70	
Authors and Contributors		10,612.61	
Royalties		1,937.19	
Shipping and Mailing Expenses (including postage)		41,966.62	
Freight, Expressage and Hauling		6,740.37	
Rent		12,525.00	
Power and Light		2,515.96	
General Manufacturing Expense		5,698.12	
Insurance		1,400.46	
Storage		133.25	
Depreciation of Machinery		8,686.08	
		$524,628.04	
Deduct:			
Increase in Inventories	$29,670.61		
Sales of Waste, etc.	2,505.72		
Discounts on Purchases	3,735.38		
		35,911.71	
			488,716.33
Gross Profit on Sales			$162,462.84

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Selling, Administrative and General Expenses:			
Executive and Office Salaries		$55,943.60	
Office Supplies and Expenses		5,650.96	
Expenses of Board Meetings, etc.		828.57	
Telephone, Telegraph and Messenger		1,137.12	
Advertising		1,347.41	
Legal and Auditing		2,050.97	
Memberships		460.00	
Traveling Expenses		2,570.60	
General Expenses		2,495.72	
Branch Office:			
Rentals	$7,309.20		
Postage	2,168.56		
Freight, Hauling, Shipping, etc.	1,622.39		
Insurance	343.13		
Taxes and Water Rent	233.88		
Light	83.85		
Adjustment of Differences between Branch Offices and Philadelphia Office Accounts	103.46		
		11,864.47	
Uncollectible Accounts Written Off		533.18	
Depreciation of Furniture and Fixtures		2,290.52	
Appropriations		1,000.00	
Pensions		570.00	
Moving Expenses		9,138.06	
			97,881.18
			$64,581.66
Loss from Operation of Real Estate			19,508.49
			$45,073.17
Other Income:			
Interest:			
On Investments		$2,389.29	
On Bank Balances		1,278.26	
			3,667.55
Profit before Interest			$48,740.72
Interest on Loans			601.01
Net Profit for the Period			$48,139.71

Respectfully submitted,

GRANT HULTBERG, *Business Manager.*

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TREASURER'S REPORT OF JOHN RUNG LEGACY

Cash Balance, July 1, 1922			$977.63
Cash Receipts:	Year ended June 30, 1923	Year ended June 30, 1924	Totals for the Biennium
Interest on Investments	$200.00	$220.00	$420.00
Interest on Bank Balances	46.54	6.73	53.27
Bonds Redeemed	.....	3,000.00	3,000.00
	$246.54	$3,226.73	$3,473.27
			$4,450.90
Cash Disbursements:			
Bonds Purchased	$900.00	$2,980.00	$3,880.00
Accrued Interest on Bonds Purchased	.....	51.50	51.50
	$900.00	$3,031.50	$3,931.50
Cash Balance, June 30, 1924			$519.40

STATEMENT AT JUNE 30, 1924

ASSETS:

Cash in Bank	$519.40	
Bonds, at Market Values, June 30, 1924	5,063.75	
		$5,583.15

LIABILITIES:

Trust Fund	3,000.00
Surplus on Hand	$2,583.15

Respectfully submitted,
E. G. HOOVER, *Treasurer.*

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS OF JUNE 30, 1924

ASSETS:

Cash in Banks and on Hand			$23,618.12
Bills, Receivable, for Merchandise		$6,269.14	
Accounts Receivable	$162,535.25		
Subscriptions due on *The Lutheran* and *Lutherischer Herold*	5,880.05		
Advertising Accounts	2,116.76		
		170,532.06	
		$176,801.20	
Less, Reserve for Doubtful Accounts		10,000.00	
			166,801.20

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Accrued Interest on Investments	370.17
Merchandise and Stock on Hand in Philadelphia and Branch Houses	236,377.64
Stocks and Bonds, at Market Values, June 30, 1924	25,015.25
John Rung Legacy (E. G. Hoover, Treasurer)	5,583.15
Prepaid Insurance and Taxes	2,198.30
Land and Buildings, net of depreciation	777,387.45
Machinery and Equipment, net of depreciation	72,181.33
Furniture and Fixtures, net of depreciation	19,773.64
Electrotype Plates, at estimated values	6,951.12
	$1,336,257.37

LIABILITIES:

Accounts Payable		$20,319.83
Accrued Salaries, Interest, Royalties and Taxes		11,232.04
Amount due Subscribers on Subscriptions for Periodicals		64,547.05
Mortgages Payable		98,500.00
Trust Fund, John Rung Legacy		3,000.00
Contingent Liability:		
Bills Receivable discounted at Bank	$5,350.00	
Net Assets		$1,138,658.45
		$1,336,257.37

Respectfully submitted,
GRANT HULTBERG, *Business Manager.*

PHILADELPHIA, August 26, 1924.

We certify that we have examined the accounts of the Board of Publication of the United Lutheran Church in America for the two years ended June 30, 1924, and that the foregoing statements, in our opinion, correctly set forth its financial condition at June 30, 1924, and the results of its operations for the two years ended June 30, 1924.

LYBRAND, ROSS BROS. & MONTGOMERY,
Accountants and Auditors.

In connection with the consideration of this report, Rev. A. R. Wentz, of the Board's Standing Committee on Religious Literature, addressed the Convention. The recommendations 1 and 2 were adopted. The report was adopted as a whole.

The Rev. G. C. Rees presented the report of the Committee on Church Music as follows:

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHURCH MUSIC.

The committee met at the call of the Convener on January 26, 1923, and organized by electing the Rev. J. F. Ohl, D.D., Mus.D., Chairman, and the Rev. Gomer C. Rees, D.D., Secretary-Treasurer.

1. Convocations.

During the last biennium four Convocations were held as follows: At Lancaster, Pa., October 30, 1923, under the joint auspices of the Committee and the Lancaster Conference of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania; at Kitchener, Ontario, November 12, 1923 (the second at this place by special request of the Synods of Canada and Central Canada); at Springfield, Ohio, May 1, 1924, under the joint auspices of the Committee and the Hamma Divinity School; and at Germantown, Philadelphia, May 13, 1924, under the joint auspices of the Committee and the Philadelphia Pastoral Association.

The Committee is convinced that these Convocations, with their instructive papers and practical illustrations by organists and choirs of the best forms of Church Music, are having a wide influence in the regions in which they are held. At the four named above there was a very gratifying attendance of organists, choirmasters, pastors and others interested; large and well-trained choirs had carefully prepared the music called for on the day's program; and for the Choral Vespers at Kitchener the large St. Matthew's Church, holding over a thousand people, was not only packed to the doors, but many failed to gain admittance. As a means of removing prejudices and lack of understanding, and of teaching our people to love and use the best in worship, it is believed that such Convocations would serve a most useful purpose in many more parts of the Church. As Lutherans we are properly solicitous about the faith, and therefore carefully guard the doctrine; but are we equally concerned about the manner in which the faith finds expression in acts of worship? In many of our churches the service music and hymn tunes are sung in such a perfunctory and uninspiring way that they altogether fail to stir the heart to genuine devotion. This is not as it should be. Worship is not, therefore, more spiritual because rendered in an indifferent and slip-shod way. On the contrary, for the greater glory of God as well as for our own edification, we should bring Him the best offering of prayer, praise and thanksgiving of which we are capable. To aid congregations in the attainment of this is the purpose of these Convocations.

We are informed that as a direct result of the Convocation at Springfield, Frederick Lewis Bach, Director of the Wittenberg College Conservatory of Music, has been appointed Professor of Church Music in the Hamma Divinity School. This is a step in the right direction, which could with

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great profit to the Church be followed by our other theological seminaries. We can hope to improve the music of our churches only as we ourselves train the organists as well as the future ministers to have a correct understanding of the Church's Services and their musical requirements.

During the biennium the Chairman, the Secretary, Dr. Reed, Pastor Trabert and Mr. Lewars lectured on Church and Sunday School Music and demonstrated the Common Service Book at assemblies of various kinds.

An extended notice of the Convocations held by the Committee appeared in *The Diapason,* the official journal of the National Association of Organists.

2. Sunday School Hymns and Music.

In this connection the Committee must again revert to the statements made in its last report regarding the wretched type of hymn books and festival programs used in many of our Sunday schools. It is falsely assumed by pastors and Sunday school leaders that there must be a radical difference between the hymns and music for the adult congregation and the hymns and music for the Sunday school, or, in other words, that children will not sing the Church hymns and music, but only the light stuff that is ground out year after year by men and woman who have neither the poetic gift, nor the spirit of genuine devotion, nor musical ability. The result is the "cheap" hymn, set to music of the jazz and dance-hall variety, "composed" not with a view to training children for the Church and the right kind of a devotional life, but to enrich the "authors," "composers," and, above all, the publishers. Is it any wonder that children lose reverence for sacred things and places when in the Sunday school they are taught to sing "music" reminiscent of the movies and jazz band? Nor is it true that children delight only in this kind of hymnody. It has been the experience of every member of your Committee that they will just as readily learn the best, and that they will love it much more. As we teach children Bible stories, the text of the Catechism, and numerous Scripture passages, so that early in life "the form of sound words" is put into their hearts, precisely so they need to be taught the Church's choicest hymns and melodies at a time when these will become their permanent possession for life. Thus will they learn reverence and how to express themselves in true devotion, and will be trained not *away* from the Church, but *for* the Church. Herein to a great extent also lies the solution of obtaining good congregational singing. As the children grow up into the adult congregation they will be familiar with a large body of the best hymns and tunes, and will at once be able to join in the song of God's house.

3. Choir and Organ Music.

As the singing of anthems has become an established feature in our services it is highly important that they should be chosen with discriminating care. Not only should the music be of a kind to excite devotion, and there-

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fore free from profane associations, but the words must suit the day, season or occasion, so that with the rest of the service the anthem will form a harmonious whole as an act of worship. From the catalogues of Novello, Schirmer and other reputable publishers, anthems can be selected that fit every occasion and every part of the Church Year; and, although many of these can be well sung only by capable choirs with a good organist, there are also many others among them sufficiently easy for choirs of very ordinary ability. It is greatly to be desired that choirs of the latter kind should make use of this better type of anthems instead of the very commonplace issues of a number of American publishers. In The Service the anthem may be sung between the Epistle and the Gospel in place of the Gradual, or at the Offertory; and at Matins and Vespers after the Lessons in place of the Responsory or at the Offertory.

For preludes and postludes the organist should likewise be careful to select only that which is appropriate for the house of God. So much of what is published today under the title of organ music is derived from purely secular sources or written in secular style. But music taken from the opera or that reminds one of the concert hall must not be intruded into the services of God's house. The organist may be called the "musical pastor," and by means of judicious selections he can do much to inspire a devotional frame of heart and mind; whereas by the contrary course he can also most effectually destroy it. If he cannot do the former it were better his instrument remained silent.

Another abuse that is beginning to find its way into some of our churches is the playing of soft music during certain spoken parts of the service, even during the prayers. This, too, seems to be derived from the movies, and wherever introduced should be abandoned. It is distracting and if the music is of the flippant type, even irreverent. Stunts of this kind leave a theatrical impression, and cannot possibly minister to devotion.

4. The Influence of the Movies.

In addition to what has already been said this is twofold, first on organs, and second on the organist.

There is no movie theatre of any pretentions that does not have an organ. To meet the demand many builders have made the construction of theatre organs a specialty. These organs have a tone quality of their own, contain many solo stops, and are provided with numerous devices for obtaining unusual effects. Unfortunately some builders no longer seem able to discriminate clearly between the church organ and the movie organ, and get some of the characteristics of the latter into the former; or, perhaps better said, some congregations are fond of having a little of the movie organ in the church organ. The organ, as the pre-eminent instrument for God's house, must, however, have a character of its own. Its tones should be majestic, pervaded by those of the Diapason family, and an unusual number

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of solo stops together with the fancy devices of the movie organ, should be avoided.

It is the unusual devices in a church organ that here and there prove a temptation to the organist. Finding these handy, and perhaps himself a movie organist, he will use them in church, and instead of church music the congregation is treated to movie music. Congregations contracting for an organ should insist on a *church* organ, and should refuse to accept anything else.

5. Introits and Graduals.

Ever since the publication of the Common Service Book the question has been asked, "Where can we get music for the Introits and especially for the Graduals?" The question is now answered, In April of this year the Publication House issued *The Introits and Graduals of the Church Year.* This is Part I, covering the Church Year from Advent to Whitsunday. The music is by H. Alexander Matthews, Mus.D., composer of the well-known Cantata for the Quadri-centennial of the Reformation and numerous other works, large and small. A very instructive Introduction is by Professor Luther D. Reed, D.D. Choirs will find the publication a treasure-house of singable and devotional music. If Part I is favorably received Part II will follow in due time.

6. An Anniversary.

This year marks the Four Hundredth Anniversary of the so-called *Acht-Lieder-Buch,* the first hymnological product of the Reformation. Of the eight hymns in this book four were by Luther, three by Paul Speratus, and one by an unknown writer. It was through this book that Luther gave the first powerful impulse toward congregational hymnody and its marvelous development since them. Other books followed in rapid succession, and by 1553 the fifth edition of Babst's hymn book already contained one hundred and thirty-one hymns. This rapid increase of hymns and hymn books continued after Luther's death, and today their number in all lands and languages runs into many thousands.

THE COMMITTEE,
J. F. Ohl, *Chairman,*
Gomer C. Rees, *Secretary.*

On motion to adopt the report of the Committee, Dr. Rees addressed the Convention, his subject being the 400th Anniversary of the First Protestant Hymnal. The report of the Committee was adopted.

The Rev. Holmes Dysinger led in prayer, and the Convention adjourned until Tuesday morning.

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Evening Service

A service was held at eight o'clock P. M., the subject being Home Mission Work.

The Vespers were conducted by the Rev. G. F. Gehr.

The Rev. J. B. Markward presided.

The speakers and their subjects were as follows:

"In Florida and the Southland"—Rev. W. E. Pugh, D.D.

"In Canada's Prairie Provinces"—Rev. G. C. Weidenhammer.

"In Our Growing Cities"—Rev. James Berg.

"Illustrated Talk on Achievements and Possibilities"—Rev. J. S. Herold.

SIXTH MEETING

Morning Session

CONVENTION HALL, EDGEWATER BEACH HOTEL,
Chicago, Ill.

Tuesday, October 28, 8:45 A. M.

Matins were conducted by the Rev. R. D. Wheadon.

The Convention was called to order by the President.

The Minutes of Monday's sessions were read, corrected and approved.

The regular order of business was taken up, and the Rev. E. F. Bachman presented the report of the Inner Mission Board.

REPORT OF THE INNER MISSION BOARD

The Inner Mission is a protest against the traditional practice of the Church which spends most of its energy in the care of the "ninety and nine"—today scarcely forty and nine—who remain within the fold and leaves the lost "one"—today the fifty and one—to perish. Yet these are included in Christ's great commission; for them He shed His blood no less than for the distant Gentiles.

The United Lutheran Church in America by official action has joined this protest against the traditional practice and by the creation of an Inner Mission Board has declared its determination to seek the lost and safeguard the endangered. These are found throughout the entire territory of the Church and can be reached only by the united effort of

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the entire church from its various boards down to the local congregations, and from the pastors down to the humblest in the pews. Only by the co-operation of every true follower of Jesus within the Church can we hope to fulfill our mission among men far from God, in all conditions of life, and in the social strata from the lowest to the most cultured.

The Inner Mission Board obviously cannot itself assume this great task of the Church, but must by information and inspiration arouse the Church to a full sense of responsibility and by still further information and counsel aim to bring individual and local efforts to such a point of action and co-operation as will lead to the maximum results for the Kingdom of God. This justifies *the Board's policy* of having Inner Mission work done by local or synodical agencies and support, and refusing to assume work of a purely local character. At the same time, however, seeking the lost or safeguarding the endangered may under certain conditions require such measures which cannot well be undertaken by local forces or are so obviously the responsibility of the entire Church that it would be unfair to shift the responsibility on any local group.

Your Board must therefore, under such circumstances act as the authorized instrument of the entire Church and *assume for the entire church the responsibility* for and the support of such work of a general obligation, yes, even to *initiate such work.*

During the past biennium your Board has been called upon twice to exercise the latter phase of the trust imposed upon it by the Church: First, when it agreed to the request of the Executive Board to assume again the responsibility for the care of *Lutheran immigrants at the ports of entry,* and, second, when it consented to co-operate with the Women's Missionary Society of the Church in work among the physically and spiritually destitute *white population in the Southern mountains,* where results can be achieved only by a combination of educational, industrial, and evangelistic features. A fuller statement of both of these Inner Mission activities added to those reported to the last Convention of the United Lutheran Church in America will be found in the proper place in the report.

I. Organization

The Buffalo Convention elected the following brethren to membership in the Inner Mission Board:

For the term expiring 1928:

Rev. G. H. Gerberding, D.D., LL.D.
Rev. J. F. W. Kitzmeyer
Rev. J. F. Ohl, D.D.
Mr. H. W. Bikle
Mr. C. M. Distler

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For the term expiring 1926:
Rev. H. Brueckner, D.D.
For the term expiring 1924:
Hon. C. N. Hoover

The Board met for organization on December 7, 1922, and re-elected the same officers for the biennium: Rev. E. F. Bachmann, D.D., president; Mr. I. Searles Runyon, vice-president; Rev. Wm. Freas, secretary and treasurer.

Rev. W. H. Greever, D.D., resigned as a member of the Board because of his election to the Executive Board. Rev. J. J. Scherer, Jr., D.D., was elected by the Executive Board to fill the vacancy until the next Convention.

The Board suffered a great loss during the biennium in the death of Rev. J. F. W. Kitzmeyer. He had been a member of the Board since the first Convention, and previously a member of the Inner Mission Board of the General Synod from its organization. He was a special student of social problems, considering them always from a Christian standpoint. He was a most valuable member both of the Board and of its Executive Committee. Rev. F. B. Clausen was elected by the Executive Board to fill the unexpired term until the next Convention.

II. A Review of the Work During the Biennium

The work of the Board is so ramified and of such variety, that a detailed presentation would go beyond the reasonable limits of this report. We shall therefore aim to make brief reference only to outstanding facts.

1. *Congregational Activities*

The chief activitity of the Board must always be the effort to encourage the growth in the congregation of that spirit of service which will always make a ready response to the needs in the community which it serves.

In seeking to develop this spirit the fact was soon established that there were many of our Lutheran people who had been for years without ministration in spiritual things. They were found in almshouse, on poor farms, and in all kinds of institutions managed and maintained by State, county and community. Definite information about them kept coming to the Board.

(a) A *survey* of the entire territory of the United Lutheran Church in America was therefore planned, through our Synodical Inner Mission Committees. The effort was made to discover where all institutions were located. Pastors were asked to visit the institutions and secure information concerning the spiritual care given to those who lived in them, with the view to discovering first of all our Lutheran people. While our own Lutheran people were our first care there was also borne in mind that we have a real responsibility to all, irrespective of faith. In

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some of our larger Synods key-men have been appointed who now are responsible for regular spiritual care of these folks in the institutions upon their territory.

Two results have by this time, with the survey yet incomplete, made themselves evident. First, it has been discovered, that there are actually thousands of our Lutheran people who have been cut off from the church for many years. It seemed as if nobody cared. Their physical needs were fairly well provided for. Their spiritual needs were largely neglected. Story after story could be told of this sad neglect.

But this condition is slowly being remedied. In one of our Synods 34 men have obligated themselves to minister regularly to these people. Some congregations are interesting themselves in their behalf. We are in a fair way at last to seek out our neglected poor and suffering members.

A second result is cause for great joy. The survey has brought out the fact that many of our pastors and people have been going about quietly in the spirit of Jesus doing good to these neglected folks. While no doubt there are many more of whom we do not know, we do have definite information that 47 pastors or congregations have been doing this quiet service of love for our neglected Lutherans, and for all others who cared for their ministrations.

As the survey goes on it may reasonably be expected that many others will take up such work, and that a vast service will be rendered to the poor and distressed of our church, which will show the mercy of God in the persons of His people.

(b) Another matter of deep concern to our congregations is the number of *migrant groups* which from time to time may be in their community. We have comparatively few congregations near these groups. However there are a few such who are seeking to help these groups—such as berry and hop pickers—who gather near them at certain seasons of the year. This service will be developed as we become conscious of our opportunity.

2. *Institutional Activities*

The local activities of our Institutions of Mercy will be set forth at the end of this report. However it will be necessary to refer here to certain institutional matters which have had the particular attention of the Board.

Tabitha Home. The title to this institution has always rested in the Board of Directors of the institution. Before the merger the institution was supported by the General Synod and its Board of Direcors elected by that body. Since the merger, the title to the institution has been transferred to a Board of Directors elected by the Synods west of the Mississippi River and the Wisconsin Conference of the Synod of the Northwest. Part of the support is still supplied by the budget of the United

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Lutheran Church in America. This amount is, however, cut down each biennium, until eventually Tabitha Home will be supported entirely by the Synods upon the territory which she serves. Efforts endorsed by the Board to secure funds for an additional building needed to relieve the overcrowded condition are now being made.

Feghtly Home. Title to this institution still rests in the General Synod, which at its Buffalo Convention elected the Board of Directors for the biennium. Efforts have been made during the biennium to arrange for the transfer of title, preferably to the Ohio Synod, whose territory the institution serves. This has not yet been accomplished, but it is hoped that the matter may be adjusted before the Chicago Convention.

New Institutions An old folks home has been established by our congregations in Los Angeles. A hospital also has been begun. In addition, Unity Lutheran Church of Chicago has established a hospice for girls, which will be dedicated during the Chicago Convention.

New Inner Mission Society. Such a Society, organized in Trenton, N. J., is busily at work developing a local service which promises good things. Chicago will soon be in line with an Inner Mission Society which will give an opportunity for our people there more fully to unite their strength in the service of Christian love.

Proposed Dawson Home. On account of restrictions which it did not seem wise to accept, the proposition of a home on the Dawson property in West Virginia has been abandoned.

Proposed Tuberculosis Sanatorium. A memorial presented to the United Lutheran Church in America at the Buffalo Convention by the Rocky Mountain Synod was referred to the Board for investigation and report. This matter has also been before the Board since its organization in 1918. After thorough investigation the following action was taken by the Board and is recommended to this Convention for adoption:

After a careful study of the subject and consultation with eminent specialists of large experience, conference with other of our Lutheran Church bodies caring for tubercular people, your Board has reached the conclusion that under present conditions it would be very unwise to urge the establishment of a tuberculosis sanatorium upon the church at large, or even upon a single Synod. The following reasons have led to this conclusion:

1. All the authorities consulted agree that climate plays no necessary part in the treatment of tuberculosis, and that it can be properly treated in any climate, if certain other conditions are favorable. It is now generally accepted by the medical profession that rest, fresh air, nourishing food, and a contented mind are the outstanding factors in the treatment of tuberculosis.

2. A sanatorium as far removed as New Mexico, and as expensive to reach, would make it impossible for poor patients to enjoy its benefits, or for relatives to visit patients. Moreover the homesickness thus often

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engendered in a patient seriously militates against his improvement and recovery.

3. The cost of erecting, equipping and maintaining a high-grade sanatorium, and providing it with a thoroughly competent staff of physicians and nurses is prohibitive. The physician member of the Board estimates that at present a hundred bed institution could not be satisfactorily built under three thousand dollars a bed, probably not under three thousand five hundred dollars, and that the cost of maintainence in an institution of this size would probably reach from sixty to ninety dollars a month per patient, this without including the interest charge on the cost of building and the salary of a superintendent. In this opinion, Commissioners of Health of several States concur.

4. The superintendents of the Missouri institution at Wheat Ridge, Colo., and the Danish institution at Brush, Colo., advise us not to attempt the founding of a sanatorium, and both inform us that the number of patients coming to their institutions is steadily decreasing. These two institutions offer to take patients of the United Lutheran Church.

5. Where the State or county has established and maintains sanatoria it is the conviction of your Board that these should be utilized by patients, but that the church should make provision for the spiritual care of its members in these, as is already the case in some States.

6. In view of the emergency in which congregations near a sanatorium are sometimes placed in reference to the support of indigent patients of the Lutheran Church, the Inner Mission Board offers its services in the solicitation of funds from the congregations from which such patients come, or with which they may be indirectly affiliated, and other benevolently minded people and congregations who would be glad to respond to this appeal of need.

3. *Educational Activities*

The new series of *"A Message for the Day"* has been prepared by 118 of our pastors and laymen and printed by our Publication House. It is now ready for the use of our people. It is a four-page folder having a complete service for private devotion for "shut-ins" and shut-outs." Its use is a real blessing to many.

A series of Inner Mission *lectures* has been given at all of our Theological Seminaries, except the Pacific Seminary. Our future pastors are thus coming to know more fully of the work. The purpose will, however, not be accomplished until the Inner Mission has been given a more adequate place in the regular curriculum of our Seminaries.

Training Schools for Christian Workers. These schools are being organized throughout the church. In an effort to provide a standard for such schools, the Board has been in conference with the Parish and Church-School and the Deaconess Boards seeking to work out a standard curriculum which will serve as a guide for training schools.

An Inner Mission *Quarterly* is to be issued as soon as the funds of the Board will permit its publication.

III. Two New Activities

1. *Work in the Southern Mountains.* In co-operation with the Women's Missionary Society an important activity in the Southern moun-

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tains has been developed. In the summer of 1923 a day school was established in Currin Valley, near Marion, Va. Miss Mary P. Smith is in charge of the school. The mountain children have been gathered in for instruction and services provided for the older folks. The uplifting influence of this work was soon noticed in the homes of the mountain people. It is hoped that a local congregation will eventually assume this work.

Plans are now being made for a school near Konnarock, Va. A fine piece of property has been offered to us by Mr. L. C. Hassinger and the offer accepted. A neighboring house has been rented as temporary quarters so that the school may be opened in September of this year. A school building and dormitory will be erected in the course of the year upon the property thus given to us. The Women's Missionary Society will provide the funds for the erection of the building and the maintainence of the school. Girls only are to be taken at first, but it is hoped that very soon provision may be made to receive boys also. The purpose of the work is to train the children to go back to their own communities as intelligent and progressive Christian boys and girls who will raise the economic and social as well as the religious standards of their people. A Board of nine members, representing the Inner Mission Board, Women's Missionary Society, and the Virginia Synod has been elected and is now working out the details for the school. We trust this will be but the beginning of an important new enterprise of the United Lutheran Church in America.

2. *Port entry Work for Immigrants.* The Executive Board requested your Board to take over the port entry and allied work for immigrants. To this end, the work has been planned, a Secretary for Immigrant Work has been called, and plans made to meet the responsibility of our church to our people of all nationalities coming to our shores. It has been agreed that the task is a five-fold one—(1) work at the port of New York; (2) work at other American ports; (3) work in Canada; (4) establishing contacts at foreign ports from which our people are coming; and (5) follow-up work. The full-time Secretary will develop this field, so that our people will have the ministrations of their church from their embarkation until they have settled in their new homes and connected with a local congregation.

The Women's Missionary Society and the Home Mission Board have made appropriations for this work.

Contact with the Home Missions Council has been established. Foreign representatives have been appointed and are at work in countries from which our people come. Information is gathered by these brethren and forwarded to us so that follow-up work may be well done. Keymen over the country are being selected to follow up those who come to their territory. The Canadian brethren are working with other Luth-

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eran bodies there in the effort to care for Lutheran immigrants. Rev. Sanjek, representative of the Board of Immigrants Missions will co-operate. The prospect is that the church will be able to give better care to all immigrants coming to our shores.

IV. General Matters

1. *Lay Service in the Church.* This matter was presented to the last Convention by the Executive Board. Since that Convention it has been referred to the Inner Mission Board to put into effect the recommendations adopted at that time.

There is some reason for encouragement from the development during the biennium. Some of our young people, well prepared for full-time service in the church have been called by congregations into service and have been doing commendable work. A bulletin will be published from time to time showing those ready for service and the openings for such service. This should help to bring the two together. The Board of Education, especially through its Secretary for Women Students, and also the Superintendent of Instruction at the Baltimore Motherhouse, are deeply concerned in the solution of this problem. Many Conferences of our Synods, at recent meetings, had this subject upon their programs for discussion.

The problem, however, is by no means solved. While there is a real desire to use our young people, yet there are many more offering themselves than can be used in our work at this time. Many are being aroused to the serious loss to the church through the failure to use this consecrated energy of the youth of the church and are working and praying for its solution.

2. *Inner Mission Conference.* Two general Inner Mission conferences have been held. All branches of the Lutheran Church have been represented. Their helpful character has made it evident that they should be continued. The presentation and discussion of common problems has been so rich in inspiration and practical suggestions that your Board has planned to hold similar conferences in our Synods interested in Inner Mission work. Also the Board contemplates the resumption of general conference for all our Synodical Inner Mission Committees and workers.

V. Reports for Institutions

The Constitution of the Board requires that report shall be made to the United Lutheran Church in America at each Convention for the Institutions of Mercy in which our people are interested.

In the effort to represent our work truly a two-fold classification of institutions has been made. Every effort has been made to have this listing correct. It is almost impossible to classify some of them properly. Corrections to the listings will be welcomed.

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INNER MISSION INSTITUTIONS AND SOCIETIES

A—United Lutheran Church in America

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I. *Orphans' Homes*

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3. Wartburg Orphans' Home and Farm School, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.
4. Orphan Home of the Children's Friend, Jersey City, N. J.

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II. *Old People's Homes*

1. Mary Louise Heins Home for the Aged and Infirm, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

III. *Institutions for Defectives*

1. Passavant Memorial Home for the Care of Epileptics, Rochester, Pa.
2. Good Shepherd Home, Allentown, Pa.

IV. *Hospices*

1. Trabert Hall (for young women), Minneapolis, Minn.
2. Lutheran Hospice for Young Women, Pittsburgh, Pa.
3. Lutheran Hospice for Girls, Baltimore, Md.
4. Tryon Homestead (for young women), Philadelphia, Pa.
5. The Student House, Pittsburgh, Pa.

V. *Miscellaneous Institutions*

1. Layton Home for Incurables, Milwaukee, Wis.
2. Tabor Home for Children, Doylestown, Pa.
3. Children's Receiving Home, Maywood, Ill.
4. Artman Home for Lutherans, Ambler, Pa.
5. Wilbur A. Herrlich Memorial Home, Towers, N. Y.
6. Inner Mission Center, Brooklyn, N. Y.

VI. *Hospitals*

1. Lutheran Hospital of Manhattan, New York City.
2. Milwaukee Hospital, Milwaukee, Wis.

VII. *Seamen's and Immigrant Missions*

1. Seamen's Mission, Hoboken, N. J.
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1. Lutheran Inner Mission Society of Minnesota.
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6. Inner Mission Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Reading, Pa.
7. Inner Mission Society of Milwaukee, Wis.

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IX. *Deaconess Motherhouse*

1. The Milwaukee Motherhouse, Milwaukee, Wis.

The Institutions and Societies listed above have sent reports as follows:

I. Orphans' Homes

1. *St. John's Orphan Home, Buffalo, N. Y.*

St. John's Orphan Home was estabished in part to give a home to boys and girls whose fathers died at Lincoln's call. It still is the purpose of the institution to give a good Christian home to all Lutheran orphan boys and girls, also half-orphans, and children whose parents are separated. The children are kept until they are sixteen years old, at which time homes and positions are found for them. The present number of children is 75.

A new building with all up-to-date equipment has been added in the past year, including three schoolrooms, chapel, gymnasium, manual training, domestic science, and sewing rooms.

St. John's exists to give these orphan children a fair show in life. It is the kingdom of childhood ruled by the sole law of childhood: the law of unselfish and devoted love.

2. *Tressler Orphans' Home, Loysville, Pa.*

Tressler Orphans' Home was founded under the direction of the General Synod of the Lutheran Church at Loysville, Pa., in 1868. Then there were a few acres of land, one building and a small number of children. Now there are fifteen substantial buildings on the original grounds, about 700 acres of land in all, a dozen dwellings for employees of the farm and mechanical lines, two mills and an electric system with fifteen miles of line. At the close of the school year, June 5th, 312 children were indentured.

The school course has been extended to include the fourth year of high school work. This will prepare our more apt pupils to enter our first-class colleges.

The Industrial School of the Home has developed a splendid printery where boys learn that trade and which print many bi-pocket envelopes and monthly papers for our churches besides our own publication, the Orphans' Home Echoes.

Mr. C. A. Widle, late Superintendent of the Home suddenly passed to eternal rest April 9, 1923, after faithful service in that capacity for almost one-third of a century. Rev. G. R. Heim was then called upon to act as Superintendent. He was formally installed June 4, 1924. Rev. Heim is a graduate of Millersville State Normal School and of Gettysburg College and Seminary.

A new printery 40x100 is being completed and a trade school is being

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built as a memorial to Superintendent Widle. A hospital, a dormitory provided by the Alleghany Synod, a heating system provided by the Maryland Synod and a dining hall provided by the Central Pennsylvania Synod and memorializing the Rev. A. H. Spangler, D.D., President of the Board of Trustees, were dedicated during the last biennium.

3. *The Lutheran Orphan Home, Salem, Va.*

The Lutheran Orphan Home of the South, located at Salem, Va., is caring for about ninety-six children. Homeless and dependent children are admitted between the ages of five and twelve and are dismissed at the age of eighteen.

The Home owns a farm of 165 acres which is cultivated by the boys of the institution under the supervision of the Farm Manager. In the administration of its affairs, the Home employs eleven workers, including the Superintendent and Farm Manager. The work is supported by free-will offerings, principally from the Southern church. There is an endowment fund of $34,830, the income from which is used for current expense.

The present building is inadequate and unsuitable. Therefore, the Board has determined to erect new and larger buildings designed in keeping with the most modern idea of orphanage work. For this purpose a general appeal will be presented in November, and it is expected that at least $250,000 will be secured. The Home has a building fund of $40,000. With the fruits of the campaign added to its present building fund together with what may be realized from the sale of its city property, the Home hopes to be able to construct a plant for the care of orphan children more worthy of our beloved Lutheran Church. So may it be!

4. *The Lutheran Orphans' Home, Topton, Pa.*

The Lutheran Orphans' Home at Topton, Pa., was founded twenty-seven years ago. During the past two years, the family averaged 148. 81 boys and 67 girls, coming from congregations of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania.

The Home is continually filled. During the biennium 42 were admitted and 43 released. The majority of those released were placed into private homes. The 256 acres of ground, with its meadows and woodlands, forms an ideal place for the children to play during the summer months.

The work has again been signally blessed. The many friends have been loyal in their support.

The disbursements during the past year were $34,140.48.

Church services and Sunday school are conducted regularly every Lord's day; family worship daily, morning and evening. The week-day schools open with scripture reading and prayer.

The matter of education receives careful study and attention. The

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aim is to give the children all the school advantages possible. This, with their religious instructions, is their chief asset when they leave the Home. The main object is to prepare them for their life work so that they may become honorable and useful citizens, both as to Church and State.

Children of merit are given the privilege of Normal School and College work, through the kindness of friends.

5. *Nachusa Lutheran Orphanage, Nachusa, Ill.*

The Nachusa Lutheran Orphanage with accommodations for thirty children, has been continuously filled during the biennium. Fifty children were cared for, the average number being thirty-three. There are at present fourteen girls and eighteen boys in the Home.

The finances are in splendid condition. All bills have been paid promptly each month, and the Treasurer reports a good balance on hand.

The greatest handicap to the work at Nachusa has been lack of room to receive worthy applications, and lack of equipment to care for children of all ages.

Plans are under way to remove both these handicaps. The churches on Nachusa territory are now raising funds for the carrying out of a building program. This program calls for the erection of a cottage for girls and one for boys, a school building, a central heating plant and laundry, and other improvements to the building already on the ground, at a total cost of $75,000.

It is planned to begin work on the new buildings as early as possible in 1925.

More than $15,000 in bequests has been given during the biennium.

Valuation of property $41,000. Founded 1904. Endowment $10,000. Employes 6. Boys 18. Girls 14. Total 32. Dismissed 11.

6. *Oesterlen Orphans' Home, Springfield, Ohio.*

The home has cared for 48 children during the past year; 29 boys, 19 girls; 6 attended Senior High School, 4 Junior High and 3 were at Wittenberg Academy; 32 attended the grade school, 3 under school age. All are happily situated and doing nicely. Many applications were turned away during the year because of lack of room. We hope to overcome this feature of the work this year as a new building is planned and bids are being received. The campaign has been on for some time. The building will cost about $200,000. We hope to be able to begin the work very soon. The building will take care of about one hundred more children. Will have four distinct dormitories, hospital ward, dining room, kitchen, auditorium and superintendent and matron suites of rooms. It will be the administration building. Our crops have been very good, and we are getting splendid results from the farm.

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II. Old People's Homes

1. *Mary J. Drexel Home for the Aged, Philadelphia, Pa.*

This Home is by its charter limited to residents of Philadelphia who are of German birth and descent. It is always filled to its capacity of 50 men and women, none under 65 years of age, 17 are over 80 years old.

4. *Lutheran Home for the Aged, Erie, Pa.*

The Lutheran Home for the Aged, Erie, Pa., was founded 1906. The pastors and laymen composing its Board of Directors are all members of the Pittsburgh Synod. Two sisters of the Philadelphia Motherhouse are in charge of the institution. Sister Frieda is the directing sister. Its property is valued at $75,000. It has an endowment of $27,850. The receipts for the past year were $11,866.00; the expenditures $9,517.00. It receives aid from the Erie Community Chest. It cared for 35 aged persons during the past year.

The officers are: President, Rev. Gustave A. Benze, D.D.; vice-president, Adam Laver; recording secretary, Charles Beirbach; financial secretary, Adam Leib; treasurer, F. H. Schuette.

5. *The Old People's Home of the Pittsburgh Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, Zelienople, Pa.*

The Home was authorized by the Pittsburgh Synod in 1895, founded in 1904, chartered 1905.

The Synod holds title to all the property, main building, two cottages and 28 acres of valuable land. It conducts the Home through a Board of Managers which it elects. At its recent Convention at Indiana, Pa., it filled two vacancies from nominations made by the Board.

The Home has been called to mourn the loss of its venerable president, Rev. Edmund Belfour, D.D., who died on the evening of July 5, 1923, in the ninetieth year of his age. He entered the Home as house-father 1920 and passed to his heavenly rest amid the beautiful surroundings. He received the ministrations of loving hearts and tender hands through his prolonged sickness. Dr. Belfour was the Chairman of the Committee whose report led the Pittsburgh Synod to consider the founding of the Home in 1894. He took a prominent part in formulating the plans and policies of the Home and gave to the work the full measure of its devotion. He was a wise counselor and readily co-operated with his associates. His delightful optimism was a helpful inspiration. His valuable services unselfishly rendered closed with his eventful life. His memory will be lovingly cherished in the Home.

During the biennium 18 persons have been admitted, 1 dismissed, 8 died and 47 persons cared for, the family now consists of 31 persons. The Board has a waiting list of applications. The regular maintenance expense was $24,222. Indebtedness $1,595. Cash on hand $3,303. Cash in

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Building Fund. $1,603. General Endowment Fund $24,019. J. S. Seaman, Sr., Endowment Fund $51,439. Additional mortgages and stocks on hand $7,285. Net worth of building, real estate and furnishings is estimated at $129,803.

The foregoing statement shows the institution is in excellent financial condition. Its revenues are increasing. It is growing in favor with its friends. Each year the number of its supporters is becoming larger. Our people are beginning to realize that the Home is their child and as, by visitation and inspection, they learn from personal observation its facilities for caring for the aged and ministering to their comfort, the more liberal are their contributions to its maintenance. With this constant advance in public esteem and the manifest blessings resting upon the work, the Board of Managers are greatly encouraged and feel confident that the future prosperity is assured.

A large addition of an illustrated booklet, "A Few Pleasant Moments," showing the buildings and the activities of the Home, and an attractive souvenir Bible Book Marker were distributed through our congregations during the biennium, doubtless had much to do with acquainting our people with the Home and deepening their interest in its welfare.

The Pittsburgh Synod has authorized a campaign for the fall of 1925 for raising a fund of $103,000 for erecting the south wing to the main building.

The proposed improvement is necessary. The present capacity is utterly inadequate. The rooms are all occupied and many worthy applicants must be turned away. The buildings were lately repainted and other needed improvements were added. The ten-acre grove with its stately oaks, greensward, fine walks, choice shrubbery and well-arranged flower beds, grows more attractive each season and is the admiration of all visitors.

7. Franke Home, Charleston, S. C.

The Franke Home is supported by the five Lutheran churches of Charleston, and is under the control of an organization known as the Lutheran Charities Society.

There is also an auxiliary society composed mostly of women who look after the household affairs.

No admission fee is charged for entrance, but the applicants are required to make a monthly payment according to their means, or that of those who enter them into the home.

In the case of those who have no means to enter, they are taken in and cared for by the Home, but the church from which they come must look after their needs, in the way of clothing and other necessities.

The Home furnishes board and medical attention, but in the case of real illness each guest must provide his or her nurse.

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Services are conducted by the Lutheran pastors of the city, and each pastor administers to the spiritual needs of his parishioner.

Devotional services are conducted twice daily by the deaconess in charge.

Entertainment is provided by the Luther Leagues of the city.

The deaconess superintends all departments of the work in th Home, trying to create a spirit of Christianity, and thus make it a real Christian home.

9. *The Lutheran Church Home for the Aged and Infirm of Central New York. Office at Utica, N. Y. Located at Clinton, N. Y.*

The Lutheran Church Home for the Aged and Infirm of Central New York has entered upon the fifth year of operation. The fourth annual report has been printed and distributed. In the providence of God the Home Association has been able to maintain a high standard of Christian care for homeless folks at a minimum cost.

Whereas in the previous report five persons were reported as residents of the Home, it now shelters eleven people, four men and seven women, besides the matron and a cook. Every room is occupied. One member of the family died during the last biennium.

Up to date no superintendent is being employed. The executive and house committee together with the matron are in charge of the management. The board has handled all appeals at minimum expense. The pastors of Utica are in charge of religious services.

The expansion of this Home, however, is greatly needed. A special collection for the building fund has been authorized by the Board to be conducted in the near future with Mr. Chas. Emerich, Treasurer, Chairman of the Committee. May the Lord and Saviour, in whose name we serve, give the increase.

III. Orphans' and Old People's Homes

1. *Orphans' Home and Asylum for the Aged, Philadelphia, Pa.*

The Germantown Homes, opened in 1859, have continued their circumspect care of children and aged of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania during the biennium.

Important developments and extension would enable an extensive report. Careful religious instruction is directed by the Superintendent and the effort made to affiliate the children dismissed, with our churches, has proven very successful. Kindergarten is conducted regularly, while children over six years attend the public school. Wherever possible, boys and girls are continued through the High Schools.

A history, "The Church's Treasures," was published in 1923 and a large edition sold. With the Kiefaber Memorial Hospital dedicated in 1923, our appointments for care of children are unusually complete.

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Extensive improvements have been made; especially in the Aged Home kitchen, six baths, etc., and renovation of guest rooms. The cottage system will be further developed by the erection of the Justi Memorial Cottage for Boys, during this summer. This and other buildings projected will be located according to the carefully developed comprehensive plan. A valuable tract of ground at our southeast corner completes available frontage on Germantown Avenue.

The expenses for the year ending April 1, 1923 amounted to $59,218.87. An increased interest is expressed by receipts adequate to our needs, and a goodly number of legacies.

2. *Tabitha Home, Lincoln, Neb.*

About the same amount of work was done during the past two years as during the biennium preceding. Lack of room did not permit to do more. Sixty-two aged and helpless and 75 children received shelter and care. Forty-three aged and 36 children, a total of 79, are in the Home on this day, July 28, 1924. Fifteen aged died, 4 left or were dismissed.

On account of the financial depression in many of our farming communities the financial support from the territory of the Home was not quite as generous as during the preceding biennium. Five bequests received during the past two years, the total amount of which was $21,000, should all have been added to the New Building Fund. Prevailing circumstances, however, compelled the Executive Committee to use a considerable part of bequest funds to pay current expenses.

The crying need of Tabitha Home is more room. Many applications from churches of Synods outside of the Home territory are being received. There is no Home of the United Lutheran Church for aged men or for helpless and chronic sufferers west of Pittsburgh.

Two buildings are needed, one for aged or for the children, and one for aged, incapacitated pastors of the Church, who without means or family do not have and cannot get the care they need.

Tabitha Home would cheerfully render this service of love if the United Lutheran Church would furnish the funds for the erection of a building of modest size and equipment for that purpose, about $30,000.

Rev. L. Koehler of the Pittsburgh Synod passed away at Tabitha Home in January, 1924. Two other pastors died in the Home a few years ago. The oldest pastor of the United Lutheran Church, 94 years old, who was sent to Nebraska by an Eastern Synod 60 years ago, who has rendered the Church great service, the fruit of whose labors will last forever, is spending the remainder of his life in Tabitha Home. He cannot have a room for himself, which he deserves. Within a few days he will have as a roommate another unfortunate pastor for whom leading men of the Church plead with us for admission. A pastor of an Eastern Synod passed away about two years ago and left his only

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son suffering from a—well, a sad disease. He is in Tabitha Home of course. He ought not be in a room with others. It cannot be, because there is no room. May our plea find willing ears.

A missionary who labored in Hong Kong 28 years, who has no claim upon any Church of this country and has no fund to return to her home at Berlin, Germany, plead with us until we opened the door to her, this faithful servant of God.

V. Hospices

1. *The Luther Hospice, Philadelphia, Pa.*

The work at the Luther Hospice for Young Men, located at 157 North 20th Street, Philadelphia, progressed in its usual satisfactory manner during the year 1923. The guests were mostly long stayers and hence the total number of men entertained was only about three hundred. However, transient guests were never turned away. There were always accommodations for the new arrivals. In spite of the long service of the Philadelphia Hospice, its transient trade does not warrant the encouragement of the short stayer. Its policy, therefore, is to entertain a guest as long as he wishes to stay even if this period runs into years as it often does. The transient guest it, however, always most cordially invited to stay at the Hospice while in Philadelphia. The Hospice accommodates 65 guests and is continually filled during the winter months. The receipts for room and board for 1923 were more than thirty thousand dollars. The rates for room and board are from $9.50 to $12.50 per week. Those, however, who cannot pay the regular rate are accommodated at a lower rate. This always causes a slight deficit in the work which for 1923 was $300. This amount is made up by contributions. A Christian atmosphere is maintained. Family prayers are conducted and personal and pastoral work is done among the men.

The Hospice offers recreation features, such as reading room, music room, game room, etc. An association is maintained by the men and banquets and special entertainments are features.

The Hospice during its 19 years of existence, has rendered valuable service and in every way is worthy of the support of the church and the patronage of her young men when coming to Philadelphia.

2. *The Lutheran Hospice for Young Women, Akron, Ohio*

The Lutheran Hospice for Young Women, 64 N. Prospect Street, Akron, Ohio, is owned and under the jurisdiction of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity, Akron, Ohio. The building adjoins the church property.

The Hospice accommodates 19 young ladies, and during several months of the year, many were turned away because of lack of room. The Christian atmosphere and congenial spirit of the guests make our Hospice

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family a very happy one. It has proven a refuge for more than one lonely person.

At the end of each year a balance has been shown in the running expenses.

Each year, the first Thursday in November is celebrated as the Hospice birthday, when the Women's Guild of the church conducts open house all day. Liberal donations have been made by members of the congregation.

3. *Lutheran Hospice for Girls, Baltimore, Md.*

Lutheran Hospice for Girls, located at 509 Park Avenue and conducted by the Inner Mission Society has a capacity for 32 girls and has given a home to 68 girls during the past two years.

We aim to make our Hospice as homelike as possible and give personal attention and assistance whenever the girls are sick, out of work, unchurched or whatever help may be needed.

We have devotions every evening following the evening meal and on Sunday morning.

The Hospice Mission Circle composed of 25 members of the Hospice family gave over $200 to benevolence, has sent representatives to summer conferences and assists with Inner Mission activities.

During the year we cared for five girls under 18 years of age who had no parents to give them homes.

Birthdays and holidays are always celebrated in a special way and many other recreations such as picnics, hikes, and camping parties are planned for the girls which they greatly enjoy.

A new heating plant costing $2,600.00 has been installed which the women's auxiliary is paying for.

The value of the property is $30,000. The mortgage has been reduced to $6,000.

4. *Unity Lutheran Church Girls' Home of Edgewater, Chicago, Ill.*

Because of the need for Christian homes for business girls who come from out of town seeking employment in Chicago, in March, 1920, Unity Evangelical Lutheran Church unanimously voted "to establish as may be desirable and possible" a Unity Lutheran Girls' Home. The special Easter offering of the congregation that year which amounted to over $500 was for this project. It was purposed to celebrate Unity's Fifteenth Anniversary on November 12, 1920, by increasing this fund and undertaking to locate a home property. Instead God guided the congregation to successfully inaugurate a movement to cancel the church debt. Following the payment of the debt, extensive improvements were made to the church property. In the meantime the Home Fund was increased, through the contributions of the Ladies' Aid Society and friends, so that in March, 1924, the sum of $3,400 was in hand for this project.

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On April 7th, guided of God, two friends promised $1,000 each on condition that the congregation would go forward and purchase a property as a tangible beginning for Unity's proposed home for business girls. Accordingly, under the authority of the congregation the Church Council took title on May 1st to a splendid property, directly opposite the church edifice, at the northwest corner of Balmoral and Magnolia Avenues. The purchase price of the the property which is worth $40,000 was $20,000.

Under the authority of the congregation, the womanhood of the church, through a Board of Managers of twelve women, is undertaking to mother business girls who become residents of the Home. The congregation is enthusiastic over this project and generally giving it hearty support.

In addition to the twelve large rooms which are now available for use there is a third floor which probably will be finished off in order to increase the capacity of the Home. When this alteration is made the Home will accommodate twenty girls. With this number it is believed that more of the surroundings and atmosphere of a real Christian home can be realized than is possible in homes and hospices which accommodate larger numbers and thus come to have something of the nature of a hotel.

The present debt on this Home property is $14,800. From this seemingly small beginning, it is hoped and prayed that there shall develop a far-reaching Inner Mission Work for our United Lutheran Church in Chicago.

VI. Hospitals

1. *Children's Hospital of the Mary J. Drexel Home, Philadelphia, Pa.*

Though limited to the first floor in the west wing of the Philadelphia Motherhouse, 1,147 patients were admitted during 1923. The dispensary was visited for treatments more than 20,000 times by 3,225 other children. A need, keenly felt for many years, was met by adding a "sun parlor" for children and a waiting room for parents of private patients. These building operations, completed just in time for the fortieth anniversary observed June 19th, 1924, include also another large treatment room for the dispensary at a total cost of $15,000.

VII. Miscellaneous Institutions

1. *The Lutheran Settlement, Philadelphia, Pa.*

The Lutheran Settlement since the fall of 1923 has conducted its activities in a new and well-equipped building, the gift of Philadelphia Lutherans. This building has been dedicated to the works of mercy and to the winning of souls for the Kingdom of God.

In two years over 75 members, adults and young people, have been added to the church. The Sunday school enrollment has reached the 400 mark, with a very good percentage in attendance each Sunday.

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Week-day classes in manual arts, gymnasium, story hours, kindergarten, music, Bible and missions, girls' and boys' clubs, and mother's clubs are conducted from October 1st to May 15th. Our savings fund department and library are open throughout the year.

Throughout the summer months outings and picnics are arranged for mothers and children.

One month is given over to the instruction of our children in the D. V. B. S.

Child and family welfare are included in our yearly program.

For the past two years the aggregate attendance at all services and in all classes was over 80,000 men, women and children. 8,100 visits were made in the immediate neighborhood.

The staff consists of four full-time and two part-time workers and is assisted by over sixty volunteers.

3. *River Crest Preventorium, Mont Clare, Pa.*

Purchased July 17, 1911.
Consecrated June 26, 1913.
First children admitted July 17, 1913.
1,350 children admitted to date.
403 during year 1923.
Average length of days present, 32.
Supported by voluntary contributions.
Cost of operation 1923, $12,468.
Minimum 5.00 per week per child.
Very few "pay patients or guests" mostly wholly free or part pay.

Personnel

1. Supervising Deaconess,
   3. helpers.
1 Supervising Deaconess for children's work,
   1 helper.
1 Managing farmer,
   1 helper.

Purpose

As the name suggests, the purpose of the work is prevention of disease, especially tuberculosis. Children of patients of Kensington Dispensary of Philadelphia, who have been exposed to the disease or are predisposed by reason of malnutrition, illness, etc,, are eligible for admission.

A small number of convalescent cases are also admitted.

No active cases of tuberculosis are admitted.

Specific Aim

To build up and repair waste tissue thus increasing resistance to disease.

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Method

Fresh air, sunshine, nourishing food, supervised play, exercise and rest. Two hours of school each day adequate for this type of children.

Another definite aim is to assist the child's mental, moral and spiritual development while his physical needs are being cared for.

Routine work and play in which he participates develop habits of order, cleanliness and good health.

Results

General improvement in health of child shown by gain in weight and improved mental condition.

6. *Lutheran Childrens Bureau, Philadelphia, Pa.*

See under report of the Board of Inner Missions of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania (XI).

7. *Lutheran Bureau, Philadelphia, Pa.*

See under report of the Board of Inner Missions of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania (XI).

8. *St. John's Lutheran Settlement House, Knoxville, Tenn.*

St. John's Lutheran Church of Knoxville, Tenn., has recently taken over a Settlement House, which was founded thirty years ago by a pastor of the Joint Synod of Ohio. The home is intended to receive those who are caught in domestic strife and when the parents separate have nowhere to go. Some of them also are foundlings; others are received on commitment from the Juvenile Court. The home is under the control of a Board of eleven directors, six of whom are elected by St. John's congregation and the other five are business men of the city. The support of the home is received exclusively from the Knoxville Community Chest.

At present there are some twenty children in the home. We can accommodate several more as our capacity is about thirty. The congregation also has thoughts of a Lutheran Girls' Hospice which is one of the crying needs of our community.

VIII. Seamen's and Immigrant Missions.

1. *Seamen's and Immigrant Mission of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, Port of Philadelphia, Pa.*

See under report of Board of Inner Mission of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania (XI).

IX. Inner Mission Societies and City Missions

2. *Inner Mission Society of Brooklyn and Vicinity*

Since the last report made two years ago our society has been incorporated under the laws of New York State. The growth and develop-

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ment of the different branches of our endeavor have been most encouraging. The members of the churches are also beginning to understand the name, purpose and spirit of Inner Missions in a more intelligent manner. The results are seen not only in increased contributions but also in larger access of volunteer workers. The most notable achievement of this society was the acquisition, by puchase, of a splendid property as an Inner Mission Center. In this large building a Tiding Over Home has been operated with increasing success, providing a temporary shelter for small children whose homes have become dislocated. A hospice for girls is also operated in the same building. Two missionaries, one an ordained pastor and the other a lay woman, give all their time to hospital and home visitation. Splendid support accrues to the organization from the Woman's Auxiliary which numbers now more than 500 members. The society is supported, not by individual membership but by congregations and societies within the congregation.

5. *Inner Mission Committee of the Lutheran Alliance, Washington, D. C.*

Work carried on through the Inner Mission Committee of the Lutheran Alliance, Rev. H. Manken, 5106 14th St., N. W., Chairman of the Committee. A full-time Executive Secretary, Miss Bertha A. Heiges, has been working under the direction of this committee since November, 1923, with an office at 820 11th St., N. W. The work is supported by the Maryland Synod, and the Lutherans of Washington. Hospital as well as other institutional visitation has been emphasized. Co-operates with city Rescue Missions in furnishing leaders and speakers for their indoor and street meetings. Works with the Juvenile Court and Juvenile Protective Association. Published a directory of Lutheran churches in Washington to put in the hands of strangers in the city.

6. *Inner Mission Society of Trenton, N. J.*

The Trenton Inner Mission Society was organized December 10, 1922. The following officers were elected: President, Rev. C. W. Diehl; vice-president, Mr. John M. Wolf; secretary, Rev. William Penn Barr; treasurer, Mr. John Eisely. The society was incorporated November 30, 1923.

The society number 111 members and raised $284.25 for its work during the past year.

Four committees are actively at work: Hospice, Institutions, Old Folks and Relief. Cards giving the names and locations of the Lutheran congregations have been placed in the various institutions. *The Lutheran* has been placed in the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. and a catechetical class has been conducted under the auspices of the Institutional Committee.

The Hospice Committee has distributed tracts, the Gospels and *"A Message for the Day"* to shut-ins and others.

The Relief Committee has extended help to a number of needy per-

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sons and on December 28th gave a Christmas dinner to 58 poor children.

A "story hour" is conducted weekly in a branch Y. W. C. A.

7. The Philadelphia City Mission

The Philadelphia City Mission, originally established by the Board of Missions of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, but now affiliated with the Ministerium's new Board of Inner Missions, continues its beneficent work of preaching the Gospel and ministering pastorally to the inmates of hospitals, homes and persons. Three missionaries devote all their time to the work, assisted in the holding of services at conflicting hours by a number of other pastors. One of the missionaries also attends the sessions of the Juvenile Court three mornings of the week in the interest of children from Lutheran families.

Services are held regularly in eighteen institutions, in some of them every Lord's Day, in others two and three times a month; while the visits to persons in these and other institutions average fifteen thousand and more a year. This number, of course, includes many others besides Lutherans. In some of the hospitals the missionaries are the only regular visitors week after week, and so well have they established themselves in the confidence of the authorities that they are always welcome.

Persons and families who have removed to the city, and whose names and addresses have been sent to the Superintendent, are likewise visited. directed to the nearest Lutheran church, and name and address given to the pastor.

The Superintendent is the Rev. J. F. Ohl, D.D., 826 S. St. Bernard St. Office, Room 803, Muhlenberg Building, 13th and Spruce Streets.

X. Deaconess Motherhouses

1. Lutheran Deaconess Motherhouse, Baltimore, Md.

The work of the Baltimore Motherhouse continues to enlarge, especially along educational and congregational lines. There has been abundant occupation for the Superintendent of Instruction elected two years ago and the corps of teachers. Class work has been helpfully interspersed with valuable observation and experience in connection with the charitable organizations of the city. Of the sixty deaconesses and probationers, thirty have engaged in parish work, nine new fields having been entered within the biennium. Eight sisters have served in other forms of Inner Mission work; three in Africa and the Virgin Islands. Many testimonials to the efficiency of the services thus rendered have been received and the number of waiting fields is constantly increasing. Three have rendered valuable service in private nursing.

Twelve young women have been in course of preparation for the regular diaconate and thirty-nine have enrolled in the special courses for Christian workers.

A week-day religious school has been conducted by the candidates and

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students under the supervision of the Superintendent of Instruction and the Training Sister and an evening church school in the Motherhouse for young people of the local churches.

2. The Philadelphia Motherhouse of Deaconesses

As an Inner Mission force, the Sisters of this Motherhouse take an important place in the Church. Of its 94 sisters, only 2 are no longer in active service, though 34 have been in the work for 25 years or more. The largest opportunity for Inner Mission work is found in three hospitals served by these sisters, as it annually brings them into contact with fully 5,500 house patients and about 13,000 others visiting the dispensaries. Many of these patients have never heard the gospel and not a few of these are deeply impressed by the morning and evening devotions and prayer before meals in the wards. The Christian atmosphere in these hospitals has frequently evoked comments of agreeable surprise and has helped to open the hearts of patients for the Word preached in the wards at stated times. *"The Message for the Day,"* published by the Inner Mission Board, is distributed every Sunday and eagerly read by many. The singing of hymns by a sisters' choir on Sunday mornings has brought comfort to the dying and encouragement to the convalescent. Nor should the Christian influence on the members of the nurses' training school be overlooked. Of the 42 sisters connected with the hospital work, 12 are in executive positions.

The Motherhouse conducts also the Lankenau School for Girls, offering a Christian education meeting in secular branches the standards of the grammar and high schools. Many of the 90 boarding and 50 day scholars attending last year are not from Lutheran families nor under any religious influences at home; yet all receive religious instruction and none graduate without a systematic course of instruction in Christian fundamentals and in the history of the church. Though usually not so considered, this is Inner Mission work of the highest type, reaching also daughters of the cultured class from the impressionable age of 7 to the critical age of 18-20.

Sisters of this Motherhouse are in charge of the Tabor Home for homeless children, where 70 boys and girls from 3-18 years of age find a home and Christian training. At the Preventorium "River Crest" almost 300 under nourished children in groups of 25-35 recuperate physically and at the same time receive some religious instruction, though necessarily limited. This is a branch of the Kensington Dispensary for the Treatment of Tuberculosis in Philadelphia, in charge of one of the deaconesses, where little less than 200 patients are regularly under treatment and observation. In two Homes for the Aged more than 80 men and women are under the care of the sisters. By no means all of these inmates have been faithful Christians, but now the daily worship and

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general influence leads many to turn to God before their final summons comes.

To the above Inner Mission opportunities must be added the seven congregations served by sisters of this Motherhouse, every sister conducting either a kindergarten or giving some other form of week-day religious instruction besides her visitation of the sick and destitute and work with young people. A distinct Inner Mission activity is to be added this September when one of the sisters will be placed in charge of the work of the Inner Mission Society of Reading, Pa.

A number of institutions, congregations, and other fields are pleading in vain for sisters, opening up still more Inner Mission opportunities, but these cannot be considered until more of the church's capable young women are ready to give themselves whole heartedly to the Lord in this ministry of mercy.

XI. Synodical Inner Mission Boards

1. *Board of Inner Missions of Ministerium of Pennsylvania*

The erection of a Board of Inner Missions by the Ministerium of Pennsylvania at its 175th Anniversary meeting at Reading, Pa., 1923. was an epoch making event in the history of Inner Missions. Its duties are defined as follows: "It shall superintend, have charge of and administer the Inner Mission work of the Ministerium. . . . . It shall endeavor to foster and cultivate a true Inner Mission spirit among the congregations of the Ministerium; to promote associations of congregations and of members of the church for the propagation of local Inner Mission work in communities and the co-ordination of the activities of all Inner Mission agencies upon the territory of the Ministerium."

The Board employes five pastors, one of whom is the Executive Secretary, one layman and two women missionaries. The cost of the work is met by an appropriation of $19,,000.00 per annum from the Ministerium. The work of the Board is carried on in four departments:

The Lutheran City Mission of Philadelphia,
The Seamen's and Immigrant Mission,
The Lutheran Children's Bureau,
The Lutheran Bureau.

Lutheran City Mission

During the biennium three pastors have given their full time to work in the hospitals, prisons and charitable institutions of the city. 881 services were held by the missionaries aided by pastors and seminarians. 28,500 individual visits were made, 30 communions were administered. and 4 baptisms and 22 funerals were held. One of the pastors of the City Mission also attended the sessions of the Juvenile Court.

Seamen's and Immigrant Mission

The Seamen's and Immigrant Mission has enjoyed great prosperity.

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A pastor and lay helper are supported by the Ministerium, the layman acting as housefather of the Seamen's Home. 173 vessels were visited, 59 services were held and over 5,000 periodicals were distributed. In the Seamen's Home additions and renovations were made for which the Ministerium expects to raise $25,000.00. 2,375 lodgers were accommodated, more than 500 of whom were cared for free. 1,500 positions have been found and thousands of dollars were received for forwarding or temporary safe keeping.

Lutheran Children's Bureau

The first synodical agency in the United Lutheran Church for the placement of dependent, orphaned and neglected children, operates in 29 counties in Pennsylvania, 14 counties in New Jersey and the State of Delaware. During the biennium 224 children were received of whom 82 remained in our custody on June 1st. The Bureau is the official agency recognized by the County Courts for the care of Lutheran children for placement in private homes and institutions. A feature of the work is the care of unmarried mothers and family welfare work, supplementing the regular work of the Children's Bureau.

Lutheran Bureau

The Lutheran Bureau provides for the care of Lutherans in public institutions with special reference to tubercular sanatoria and corrective institutions for girls. 35 girls have been confirmed during the past two years. The follow up work is done by one of the missinoaries of the Board. In this department an Inner Mission survey of the whole territory of the Ministerium is now in progress and the Ministerium has authorized the holding of special conferences during the ensuing year for the promotion of this work.

The Bureau also gathers information of an Inner Mission character for the use of the Ministerium.

I. Orphans' Homes

2. *Orphans' Home and Farm School, Zelienople, Pa.*

The Orphans' Home and Farm School, Zelienople, Pa., has experienced a most blessed and prosperous year in caring for orphan and half orphan children of the Pittsburgh Synod. Fifty-five congregations of the Synod are represented here in the Home by dependent children.

The Pittsburgh Synod Board of Directors has co-operated with the Superintendent of the Home and the results are pleasing.

The health of the children was exceptionally good. The churches of the Synod responded liberally to our appeals for maintenance.

The campaign for Zelienople Orphans' Home and Home Missions for $120,000 has not as yet been met. To date we have $84,000. The time during which all subscriptions must be met is September 1st.

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The object for which we appeal is a new school building.

The President of the Pittsburgh Synod Board of Directors is the Rev. F. C. Martin, D.D., Greensburg, Pa. Mr. C. W. Herman Hess, secretary, the Rev. C. W. White, superintendent.

3. *The Wartburg Orphans' Farm School, Mount Vernon, N. Y.*

Begun in 1866 by the Rev. Dr. W. A. Passavant. Has grown to 110 acres and nineteen buildings. Cared for a total of 375 orphans and half orphans in 1923. Governed by a self-perpetuating Board of Trustees of 25 members. Supported entirely from voluntary contributions on the part of individuals and Lutheran congregations irrespective of synodical affiliation. First to have the cottage system. Helpers from training schools in Europe. Private school with religious instruction, church, gymnasium, farm, laundry, dairy with accredited Holstein stock. Fully equipped with modern conveniences. Printing plant, shoemaking establishment and basket weaving are features. Directors: Rev. G. C. Holls, 1866-1885; Rev. Dr. G. C. Berkemeier, 1885-1921; Rev. S. G. von Bosse, 1921.

From annual report for 1923. Receipts $103,470. Expenditures $84,143. In permanent memorial fund $50,000.

Unique year books, profusely illustrated. An annual Easter booklet and a fall greeting. Distribution 18,000 copies. Special for 1924: "In Memoriam" for the late Rev. Dr. G. C. Berkemeier. Airplane views, a "Blue Book," folders and postcards.

A talented musical organization begun in 1899 under the leadership of Professor Robert Steinmetz, has given concerts in the largest auditoriums of seven States and in Canada and has been received by numerous personages of note.

Columbus Day (with an attendance of 10,000) and the third week in May. Board of visitors' day on the second Thursday in May. The Ladies' Volunteers and the Wartburg Men's Club meeting semi-annually. William H. Steinkamp, president; Henry Albers, first vice-president; P. Reppenhagen, second vice-president; Charles H. Dahmer, secretary; Mr. Martin Wulff, treasurer; Rev. S. G. von Bosse, director.

II. Old People's Homes

1. *Mary Louise Heins Memorial Home for the Aged, Mount Vernon, N. Y.*

Begun in 1898. Connected with and under the management of the Wartburg Orphans' Farm School. Capacity 40. Accepts members of Lutheran congregations in New York and vicinity without relatives able and willing to care for them. Admission fee $1,000. Age limit (minimum) 65 years. Superintended by a Lutheran Deaconess. Receipts for 1923, $17,483. Expenditures, $9,246. Memorial fund, $2,000.

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III. Institutions for Defectives

1. *The Passavant Memorial Homes for the Care of Epileptics, Rochester, Pa.*

June 6, 1924 these homes for the care of epileptics began their thirtieth year. They have sheltered five hundred epileptics who have had mind between seizures to appreciate a home. Of all classes of afflicted, the epileptic is most pitiable. In these homes he is cared for, given useful work and religious privileges.

Sisters from the Milwaukee Lutheran Deaconess Motherhouse are the home makers. They make great sacrifices not only in giving up but in living with and for epileptics.

The money needed comes from the charitable. No one is under legal obligation to give. The Lord has always provided plenty of food and clothing and comfortable dwellings and no debts. His goodness is acknowledged in family and chapel worship.

Dr. Passavant's corporation, the Institution of Protestant Deaconesses, manages the homes and the Auxiliary Board of the Passavant Memorial Homes for the Care of Epileptics is ready to help.

IV. Hospices

1. *Trabert Hall, Minneapolis, Minn.*

In 1919 Trabert Hall, formerly called the Hospice for Young Women, was bought by the Lutheran Inner Mission Society of Minnesota. The hall is a three-story brick building large enough to acommodate seventy-eight women. Including the annex we have room for ninety-two residents. The rooms are nearly all single rooms and all of them have lavatories. They are well furnished, steam heated, and electric lighted, a comfortable place for girls to stay who have no home in the city.

We charge the girls three dollars and seventy-five cents a week for three meals a day and from two to three dollars for room.

The charges, we think, are very reasonable, but with careful management, we are able to give the girls good food and clean home-like rooms, and with the proceeds are able to pay all the current expenses besides the interest on $20,900 that we are still owing for the building, and also part of the principal.

We try to make Trabert Hall not a hotel but a home pervaded by a Christian atmosphere and our girls seem to enjoy their stay with us. We often wish we had a larger building to accommodate all who want to come in, and some day we hope to have another building as large as the one we have now.

4. *The Tryon Homestead, Philadelphia, Pa.*

"Tryon Homestead" has now been in operation almost four years, during which time it afforded a home to eighty-eight girls, two-thirds of them

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Lutherans, for a period of time from six weeks to three years each.

We accept all applicants between the ages of 15 and 30 years, recommended by pastors or persons known to the committee.

As "Tryon Homestead" becomes more widely known, the number of applicants increases, causing us then to feel that our "Homestead" is too small.

During the winter months the house is filled to capacity, which is 28; in the summer, however, there are vacancies, due to vacations, change of schools, or positions.

"Tryon Homestead" is governed by a committee of 22 women, members of the Woman's Lutheran League. The work of the "Homestead" is directed by a house-mother, who has the welfare of the girls at heart and whose constant aim is to take the place of the absent mother.

This work has been greatly blessed in the past. Hoping for a continuance of this progress, we commit ourselves into the hands of the Almighty, without Whom we can do nothing.

V. Miscellaneous Institutions

1. *The Layton Home for Invalids, Milwaukee, Wis.*

This institution was built and endowed by Mr. Frederick Layton, of Milwaukee, Wis., "for the benefit of those suffering from incurable diseases and rendered thereby incapable of caring for themselves or being cared for by relatives or friends at home." It was opened in 1907 as an annex to Milwaukee Hospital. Its capacity is 32 patients. Deaconesses of Lutheran Deaconess Motherhouse of Milwaukee are in charge. It receives both men and women. Two-thirds of its work is free. Mr. Frederick Layton provided for an endowment fund of $100.000. Cost of maintainance last year was $14,700. Officers and director, Rev. H. L. Fritschel, D.D., Sister Marie Kern, matron.

2. *Tabor Home for Children, Doylestown, Pa.*

Our official name is Tabor Home for Children. It is in charge of deaconesses. We admit only homeless children (no full orphans) but such where the parents are separated and the children are assigned to us through courts or children's aid societies. We have them from two to sixteen or eighteen years of age according to circumstances. Our children attend the public school of the township. We admit all denominations, not only Lutherans. The Home is not connected with any Ministerium although we have several lady representatives from some of the Lutheran churches in and about Philadelphia.

3. *Children's Receiving Home, Maywood, Ill.*

During the past two years sixty-two (62) children have been admitted to our Home for temporary care. Twenty-seven girls and thirty-five boys. Twenty-six of these were returned to parents and the others have

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been placed in various institutions. We have some children that are orphans but for various reasons are not placed into other institutions or for adoption. We have at the present time twenty-five children. We are sorry to refuse so many children who ask to be admitted to our Home, but lack of room is our only reason for refusing. The plans for a new dormitory are ready but it has been decided to postpone this another year, due to the high cost of material and labor.

4. *Artman Home for Lutherans, Ambler, Pa.*

With gratitude to God,, we report that the work at the Artman Home moved steadily forward during the past year. Its guests enjoyed the comforts the Home provides and its mailing list is growing.

Quite a few "temporary guests" were entertained throughout the year. One of these came from Ohio. Two of the permanent guests passed into life and three new guests were admitted, making the number of permanent guests ten at this writing. The home was opened in 1915 in a farmhouse on a tract of land at Sellersville, Pa., purchased for that purpose. The location, however, did not offer the necessary requisites for the proper development of the home, and the board considered it advisable to relocate and bring the home nearer to Philadelphia. Through the munificence of Mrs. E. R. Artman the board was enabled to purchase a very suitable property at Ambler, Pa., on December 31, 1923, to which the "Home" was moved on March 26, 1924. The will stipulates that the home be located in either Bucks or Montgomery counties, and Ambler being in Montgomery County, makes it a "legal" location. The newly acquired property is of brown stone, has 18 rooms, is entirely modern in its appointments. The house stands on a beautiful piece of ground containing seven acres. The Board of Directors feel that the future of the home is now assured and that it will receive the support of our Lutheran people as the kind founder hoped it would. Both men and women guests are accommodated. The admission fee for permanent guests is $1,000.00, and transient guests pay a weekly rate.

5. THE *Wilbur A. Herrlich Memorial Farm, Towners, N. Y.*

The Wilbur A. Herrlich Memorial Farm at Towners, N. Y., is beautifully situated on a 40-acre plot of land, including woodland, farmland, and open fields in the foothills of the Berkshires, 900 feet above sea level. The Memorial Farm was presented to the New York Inner Mission Society but in the operation of the Fresh-Air Home for Children each summer the Brooklyn Inner Mission Society co-operates.

A dormitory housing 70 children is supplemented by well-built screened wall tents, making a normal capacity of 80 children at a time. A fully equipped mess hall is in a separate building. A new five-room bungalow has been presented this year as a memorial to departed members by the

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Summer Home Guild of Volunteer Workers. This building houses the nurses' clinic and an isolation ward in case of sickness. Modern plumbing and proper sewage, with spring water for drinking secures the approval of the State Board of Health.

The children are selected from among the neediest cases through the churches. Boys and girls between 5 and 12 years are eligible. Each child is given a two weeks' vacation. Every effort is made to improve the children physically and spiritually. A nurse is in constant residence. The food is prepared in accordance with standard dietetics. Christian workers attend the children day and night. Morning and evening prayers and song service, with a Bible hour, are regular events of each day.

Swings and see-saws, hammocks and slides, ball playing, toys and games, hiking, swimming and wading, provide the children's entertainment.

Four hundred children are cared for each summer, during July and August. The work is supported entirely by voluntary contributions. Donations of food supplies, linens, blankets, games and toys and solicited as well as money gifts.

The Superintendent of the Home and Director of the Farm is Rev. C. E. Krumbholz, 412 West 145th Street, New York City.

VI. Hospitals

1. *The Lutheran Hospital of Manhattan, New York City*

Patients treated, 2,198.
Cost of operation, $128,000.
Received from membership dues, $3,937.
Donations, $5,569.
Deficit, $5,000.
Assets, $224,000.
Liabilities, $121,000.

From 40 Lutheran churches of New York and suburbs 274 subscribing members have been enrolled. A Pastors' Committee of 24 aids in the visitation and spiritual care of the patients. The Inner Mission Society conducts the Social Service Department of the hospital and clinic. Visits during the year 3,993. The Medical Service Association has an enrollment of 70 physicians.

The Womens Auxiliary is indispensable to the maintenance of the hospital. The Junior Aid Society pledges its whole-hearted support.

2. *Milwaukee Hospital, Milwaukee, Wis.*

This hospital was founded in 1863 by Rev. Wm. A. Passavant, D.D., and Protestant citizens and pastors of Milwaukee. It completed the fortieth year in August, 1924. It is the first Protestant Church hospital west of Pittsburgh. Its bed capacity is 153. The number of

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patients cared for during the last year 3,514. The charity work amounted to $42,730. Total expenditures $190,978. A new Nurses' Home, costing $125,000, was built in 1923. Total value of property about $850,000. The hospital is in charge of the Lutheran Deaconesses of the Motherhouse at Milwaukee Hospital. General director H. L. Fritschel, D.D.; directing sister, Deaconess Catherine Dentzer; superintendent of nurses, Sister Emma Lerch; assistant superintendent of nurses, Sister Magdalene Krebs.

VII. Seamen's and Immigrant Missions

1. *Seamen's Mission, Hoboken, N. J.*

An outpost of the Church among our seafaring men, the Seamen's Mission in the port of New York, 64 Hudson Street, Hoboken, N. J. H. Bruckner, D.D., in charge, finds its services eagerly accepted. For over two years there has not been a vacant room in the home. An average of 300 men a day visit the reading rooms. We have an average of fifty callers at the office, and you will trust us that there is "Seelsorge" applied in every case. There are over a thousand who consider themselves members of the family and make us glad by the confidence and true friendship which they show for the Mission. A friend in need to nearly 200 a month sick, destitute, convalescent men and a preacher of the faith by demonstration of the work of love. A considerable extension of our buildings and staff is on the way to make us able to cope with the demand. Letters received for seamen increased to around 35,000 last year. Sailors' savings deposited or forwarded through the home came up to $20,000 a month. We thank God that we are allowed to represent the Lutheran Church in the great work of following our brothers of the sea.

2. *The Emigrant House Association in the Port of New York, Hoboken, N. J.*

Under the changes brought about by the new law governing immigration there has developed as a very important activity the follow-up service for immigrants.

Machinery has been set up in Bremerhaven and Hamburg to get names, dates of arrival and destination of immigrants for distribution to the nearest local church. This service will be done in connection with the Inner Mission Board whose Secretary for Immigrant Work will be in charge of the association. To him too will fall the organization and development of Immigrant Mission work in the Canadian ports. Advice and information about immigration and travel, help to sick or stranded immigrants, providing employment and suitable lodging are among the other branches of the work. If the new law works out according to the intentions of its framers, there should be a minimum of detention at points of entry and hardly any exclusion.

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VIII. Inner Mission Societies

2. *Lutheran Inner Mission Society, Pittsburgh, Pa.*

The society maintains a central office in the heart of the city at Sixth and Liberty, 401-405 Pittsburgh Life Building, which serves as a convenient base of operations and general headquarters. Organized 1907. incorporated 1918, the society is governed by an elected Board of fifteen members of which three are women. The following synods are represented: United Lutheran Church, Joint Ohio and Augustana. The general institutional constituency of the society numbers about 4,000 souls scattered through thirty-eight charitable, corrective and penal institutions. Figures given below are for the year ending April 1, 1924.

Lutheran Hospice for Young Women. The second attempt to establish hospice work in Pittsburgh resulted in 1912 in the purchase of the 18-room, 3-story brick dwelling facing North Park at 330 E. North Avenue, North Side. The home has a capacity for 34 guests and last year sheltered 182 guests from nearby towns, rural districts and distant points. Extensive plans for improvements are considered in connection with the Inner Mission Campaign of September, 1924. Annual Hospice Day is observed in November. At an early date field service is to be undertaken in connection with the house. The property is valued at about $35,000. Last year's accounts showed receipts $11,595.66. Expenses $11,385.39.

Student House. At the University and the Carnegie Institute are enrolled over 475 Lutheran students; including other specialized schools, music, expression, chiropractic colleges and nurses' training schools. the total goes beyond 500. To meet the situation the Lutheran Student House was opened January, 1923, as a student boarding home and center for religious inspiration and fellowship. The Lutheran Student Club is enlarging its program. Services and religious discussion groups are conducted and service and social activities maintained. The house is located at 200 Dithridge Street and represents an investment of over $40,000. Income last year $10,017.79. Expenses $9,857.69.

Summer Camp, near Zelienople, Pa., on the beautiful Passavant tract, served 1,339 children and adults and 763 visitors. The camp has a capacity for 130 campers and is equipped with a large dining pavilion with kitchen, 15 pyramid and 10 smaller wall tents with floors, 135 iron cots, canoes, boats and athletic material. A fine Christian atmosphere and a strong religious program have characterized the camp.

The Training School was in session for 30 weeks as a night school and enrolled 83 students from 27 congregations. Six instructors assisted by lectures, offered courses in Bible, Religious Education, Faith, Missions and Field Work.

Institutional Ministrations. A total of 12,625 bedside visits in 19 institutions were reported and 623 public and 518 ward services were con-

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ducted. There were 219 communions, 5 baptisms, 1 confirmation, 1 funeral and 1 marriage. The department is in charge of an ordained missionary who is assisted by a group of lay visitors, pastors, Luther League and Sunday school workers.

Literature Distribution. A total of 61 Bibles, 294 New Testaments, 1,430 gospels, 81 devotional books, 7,017 tracts, 33,408 religious and 7,666 secular periodicals in 19 different languages were distributed among institutional inmates. By regular means literature is gathered through church and Sunday school agencies and since New Year the department has been in the hands of a Literature Secretary. *"The Inner Mission Worker,"* the monthly journal of the society, has 4,739 paid up subscribers.

Family Welfare. Christian home service functioned in 223 cases of need involving 742 persons. 71 court sessions were attended. The missionary of the department is in constant touch with court, social agencies, police stations, humane society, traveler's aid, public schools, rescue homes and health authorities. A large number of visitors assist in follow-up work, and full records are kept of all case work. At an early date an additional worker is to be called to take charge of all children's work.

Street Preaching was maintained throughout the summer in one of the crowded districts of the South Side. A total of 1,375 tracts and 70 gospels were distributed. Attendance was estimated over 2,000.

Vacation Bible Schools. While not directing and financing individual schools, the society has vigorously sponsored this week-day religious work. An all-day training institute was conducted, workers were enlisted and congregations aided in the establishment and conduct of schools. 18 schools enrolled over 1,700 children. The term in most instances continued for five weeks.

The entire receipts for the year were $52,337.86. Disbursements $51,491.12. Seven missionaries are employed and the society membership is 5,592. The Woman's Auxiliary has over 200 members and raised about $2,000 besides other help in mission work.

3. *Inner Mission Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in New York City*

The work of the Inner Mission Society of New York is divided into four main departments: Institutional, Family Welfare, Social Service Work in Hospital, and Fresh-Air Work in the summer.

Under the first head the work in the city institutions comes first. Services are held in English and German, each Sunday in a Lutheran chapel at the City Homes on Welfare Island. Week-day visitation by pastors and lay workers, supplying needs and comforts, covers many wards in city institutions.

In connection with institutional visitation, a system of referring unchurched persons to the pastors and workers of a church nearest the homes of the persons found, is effecting a connection with the church

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which has never obtained before. This system is being extended to cover all hospitals.

The Family Welfare Division is only just being developed. The securing of work, attention to physical ailments, abnormal living conditions, etc., are studied and taken into account in dealing with each case. The spiritual element is always recognized as of chief importance.

The society conducts the Social Service Department of the Lutheran Hospital. It arranges for convalescent care, conducts the registration in the clinic and provides spiritual and temporal care and relief wherever possible.

The Fresh-Air Work is conducted at the Wilbur A. Herrlich Memorial Farm and is reported under this separate heading. Four hundred children are given a two weeks' vacation each summer. Good food, wholesome recreation and Christian workers assist to mold young lives into useful citizens of State and Kingdom.

The society maintains an office at 412 West 145th Street. Its staff of workers includes a superintendent, a full-time lay worker, two part-time workers, and eighteen volunteers. Its annual budget is over $10,000, which is raised by voluntary membership contributions only. The society is non-synodical in its scope and work and has no official relation to any body of Lutherans, but is entirely Lutheran in its methods and viewpoint.

5. *Inner Mission Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Baltimore and vicinity.*

The Inner Mission Society of Baltimore City has been very busily engaged during this last year. It is, of course, only a rough sketch of the work that has been done. There has been a wonderful manifestation of helpfulness and a spirit of co-operation in the various Lutheran churches which has been truly refreshing. More and more this Inner Mission work is taking hold in the hearts and lives of our Lutheran people.

We have conducted:

Services	330
Lectures	27
Baptisms	10
Funerals	7
Weddings	2
Communions in Institutions	786
Confirmed	26
Worker's Conferences	70
Special calls, family welfare and others	1,077
Catechetical instruction—hours	56
Our paid and volunteer hospital visitors have made—calls	13,500
Special hospital calls made by the superintendent	300
Services conducted under the auspices of the Inner Mission by pastors, societies of the various churches and individuals	360

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Literature distributed:

Messages for the Day	35,000
Scripture as a whole or in part	12,000
Miscellaneous	53,000
Total	100,000

At present we are in contact with 225 children through our Family Welfare Work.

Fifty-two fallen women and girls have been assisted to a better life.

A number of families have been lead back to the church.

Hundreds of out-of-town patients in the hospitals have been given pastoral care.

We have done work in 32 institutions, homes of mercy, hospitals and prisons. The ministry of redeeming love has been applied to the unsaved, those in danger, the afflicted, the court wards, old and young, to the stranger within our gates.

Our society has grown to a membership of over 2,300. Mistakes have been made and many shortcomings can be noted. We can only hope to carry on in a more efficient way in the untried future. To our God, who judges mercifully, belongs the past.

Inner Mission Society of Milwaukee, Wis.

We organized on the 8th of November, 1919, with a charter membership of 200. We have about 370 members in good standing. Next Sunday will be our First Annual Roll Call Sunday and we expect to have 3,000 memberships after that. Our big piece of work has been the Lutheran Girls' Hospice located at 324 12th St., Milwaukee, Wis. The Hospice is self supporting. We have about thirty girls and serve meals to a few more. This is a $25,000 proposition and is debt free. We have furnished hymn books to the home for the friendless, also about 200 Testaments. A number of the pastors connected with the organization are visiting and bringing the Gospel to various hospitals and other institutions. We are trying very hard to do systematic work along these lines at the present time. We are planning to enlarge the Girls' Hospice and establish a Boys' Hospice near the Marquette University (which is a Catholic institution). We issue a quarterly bulletin called "Inner Mission Inklings."

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. *Resolved,* That the plan to conduct Inner Mission Conferences throughout the territory of the United Lutheran Church in co-operation with Synodical authorities be approved.

2. *Resolved,* That under present conditions it would be unwise to establish a general tuberculosis sanatorium in the Southwest.

Respectfully submitted,

E. F. BACHMANN, President.
WM. FREAS, *Secretary.*

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INNER MISSION BOARD TREASURER'S REPORT

BALANCE SHEET—July 31, 1924

ASSETS

Cash in Bank and on hand	$3,604.94
Stamps	7.51
Inventory of Salable Literature at cost	1,326.00
Furniture and Fixtures at estimated value	200.00
	$5,138.45

LIABILITIES

Loans due Bank	$700.00	
Loans due Individuals	150.00	
Accounts Payable	92.00	
Advanced Rental	5.00	
	$947.00	

FUNDS

General Fund	$2,399.92		
Special Fund for Mountain Work	8.47		
Special Fund for Immigrant Work	1,800.00		
		$4,191.45	
			$5,138.45

Respectfully submitted,

WM. FREAS, *Treasurer.*

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING JULY 31, 1923

RECEIPTS

United Lutheran Church		$8,716.00	
United, General and Branch Synods		269.13	
Women's Missionary Society, for Mountain Work		150.00	
Donations from Individuals		50.25	
Donations for specific purposes		167.50	
Sales of Literature		389.49	
Loans:			
From Bank	$250.00		
From Individuals	950.00	1,200.00	
			$10,942.37

DISBURSEMENTS

Salary of Secretary	$3,499.92
Salaries of Clerks, Stenographers, etc.	1,590.00
Expenses of Secretary	1,766.92
Expenses of Board Members, etc.	503.91
Literature purchased	1,589.17
Office Rental, net	691.95
Printing and Stationery	64.09
Postage and Expressage	138.89
Auditing	100.00
Office Supplies and Expenses	135.25

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Loans repaid:			
To Bank	$250.00		
To Individuals	700.00	950.00	
Interest on Bank Loan		3.23	
Donations for specific purposes, disbursed		157.50	
			$11,190.83
Excess of Disbursements			$248.46

Respectfully submitted,

WM. FREAS, *Treasurer.*

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING JULY 31, 1924

RECEIPTS

		General Work	Mountain Work	Immigrant Work
United Lutheran Church		$11,152.40		
United, General & Branch Synods		95.00		
Women's Missionary Society for Immigrant Work				$2,000.00
Donations for Mountain Work			$1,095.50	
Other Donations		55.85		
Sales of Literature		478.44		
Loans:				
From Bank	$1,650.00			
From Individuals	310.00	1,960.00		
		$13,741.69	$1,095.50	$2,000.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Salary of Secretary		$3,624.93		
Salaries of Clerks, Stenographers, etc.		1,470.00		
Expenses of Secretary		2,260.62		
Expenses of Board Members, etc.		663.67		
Literature Purchased		702.96		
Office Rental, net		1,207.92		
Printing and Stationery		144.00		
Postage and Expressage		212.47		
Auditing		100.00		
Office Supplies and Expenses		335.63		
Office Fixtures		50.00		
Loans repaid:				
To Bank	$950.00			
To Individuals	660.00			
		1,610.00		
Interest on Bank Loans		19.22		
Donations for specific purposes, disbursed		10.00		
Disbursements from Specific Funds:				
Salaries			880.00	
Expenses			293.97	200.00
		$12,411.42	$1,173.97	$200.00
Excess of Receipts or Disbursements		1,330.27	$78.47	$1,800.00

Respectfully submitted,

WM. FREAS, *Treasurer.*

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Philadelphia, September 10, 1924.

We have audited the accounts of the Board of Inner Missions of the United Lutheran Church in America for the two years ended July 31, 1924, and we certify that, in our opinion, the foregoing Balance Sheet, Receipts and Disbursements, etc., are in accordance with the books of account and are correct.

LYBRAND, ROSS BROS. & MONTGOMERY,
Accountants and Auditors.

The Rev. William Freas, Secretary of the Board, and the Rev. E. A. Sievert, recently called by the Board to take charge of work for immigrants at the ports of entry, addressed the Convention. The Rev. Ernst Walter, Superintendent of Tabitha Home, was introduced and presented the work of that institution.

Recommendations 1 and 2 were adopted.

The question having been raised with regard to the classification of institutions, it was moved and carried, That this question be referred to the Inner Mission Board for consideration.

The report was adopted as a whole.

At this point the President recognized the Rev. N. R. Melhorn, Secretary of the Board of Publication, who announced the death yesterday of the President of that Board, Dr. William C. Stoever. The Secretary was instructed to send the condolences of the United Lutheran Church to Mrs. Stoever.

Thereupon, at the request of the President, the Convention was led in prayer by the Rev. F. P. Manhart.

Dr. Tulloss, Chairman of the Committee of Reference and Counsel, proposed special orders as follows:

1. That the request of members dissenting from the action of the Convention concerning Peace and War be made a special order immediately following the report of the National Lutheran Home for the Aged.
2. That the report of the National Lutheran Council be made a special order immediately following the report of the Committee on Women's Work and the hearing of a representative of the Women's Missionary Society.
3. That in connection with the report of the Committee on Memorials from Constituent Synods, the matter of invitations for the next Convention be the special order.
4. That the session this afternoon begin at 1.30 o'clock, as a special order.

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The Rev. John Weidley presented the report of the National Lutheran Home for the Aged.

REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE NATIONAL LUTHERAN HOME FOR THE AGED, WASHINGTON, D. C.

Great men of all time have acknowledged their indebtedness to the example and precept of some older man or woman, and sometimes these mentors were very humble. One of the first letters written by President Coolidge when he came to the White House was to James Lucey, a shoemaker, in which the President said, "I would not be here were it not for you." Immediately after the nomination of John W. Davis the newspapers pictured a venerable patriarch, with flowing white whiskers, a comparatively unknown adviser of a man whose character is admired even by those of opposite political opinions.

One of the divine facts about human life is that the effects of personality transcend all institutions, all laws, all the printed pages. Most of the men and women at the Home are humble folk. Who dare say what their contribution to the onflowing stream of human life has been, how much or how little they may have shaped the thought, the acts, and the achievements of their associates through the years?

There are today in the world certain savage tribes where the elder folk, when the working days are done, steal silently away to die. They know no grandparents; they haven't even words for them.

Grandparents were the first agents of civilization. It was not until the elders of certain communities were kept alive to tell their lore, to impart their wisdom to children that the hard-won knowledge of one age was handed down to the next.

The first hospital was on a grandmother's bosom; the first university was at a grandfather's knee.

Universities give honorary degrees to their students who have carried forward their traditions. The country honors its elder statesmen. Those who have come to the Church's Home are our respected honorary elders.

The Jewish churches set a notable example in their tender care of their elders. They literally carry out the Divine promise that never shall the righteous be forsaken nor their children begging bread.

We send missionaries to China to teach the tenets of Christianity. If we fail in the care of our elders the Chinese might justifiably send missionaries to America to teach respect for our aged.

The work of the National Lutheran Home for the Aged is not an expression of a gracious act; or a pretty sentiment for gray hairs, but a prime duty the Church owes to its aged members.

The rooming facilities at the Home are inadequate. The appeals for

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admission are pitiful. One of the urgent necessities is a new and larger building. We must have it if we are to answer the calls that are coming for admission. It is pleasing to know that of the hundreds of thousands of members in our Church, so few are compelled, when old age is upon them, to knock at the heart of the Church for help. But for the few who call there ought to be a ready response. There happen to be, even in our land so rich and favorable, a few who need the support of their brethren. There are men and women whose strength is gone, who are not able to support themselves, who have no relatives, but depend upon the Church for creature comforts.

We have thirty acres of land, nicely located, in the District of Columbia. In connection with the main building there is a neat and well-furnished chapel with a seating capacity of one hundred and fifty. Services are held regularly every Sunday afternoon in charge of the Lutheran pastors of the City of Washington. Each takes his turn in orderly succession. Other meetings are held from week to week conducted by the Young Peoples' Societies, the Women's Missionary Society, the Inner Mission Society, and other organizations of our city churches. Some civic organizations and individuals, aside from the Church, give gifts in money, and send their automobiles to give excursions to the old folks to historic places in and about the District of Columbia. Kellar Memorial congregation presented a fine radio outfit so that the members of the family can gather in the assembly room, afternoons and evenings, to hear lectures, sermons, and concerts.

The total expenditure for the maintenance of the Home, for all purposes, is one dollar a day per member.

Since rendering our last report to the United Church there has been one death in the Board of Trustees. Mr. George F. Muth departed this life June 5, 1923. He was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Washington, D. C., the Rev. John T. Huddle, D.D., pastor. The members of the Home family did not have a more sympathetic friend. He was prominent in business in the city of Washington for many years. While we speak of our grief it is mingled with gratitude for this servant who wrought so well for his fellows.

There were a number of deaths in the Home family:

Miss Lizzie Ringer from York, Pa., January 4, 1923.
Mrs. Catherine Minnick, New Philadelphia, Ohio, January 8, 1923.
Mr. Harry Engel, Baltimore, Md., March 8, 1923.
Miss Elizabeth Eschenauer, Middletown, Pa., March 9. 1923.
Miss Catherine Caufman, Philadelphia, Pa., May 16, 1923.
Mrs. Dora Summers, Sunbury, Pa., August 3, 1923.
Mrs. Elizabeth Fair, Manchester, Md., August 23, 1923.
Mr. Abraham Grubb, Liverpool, Pa., January 31, 1924.

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Accessions

Miss Agnes Headington, Washington, D. C., May 6, 1923.
Miss Mary Stockett, Baltimore, Md., Feb. 14, 1923.
Mrs. Elizabeth Hamilton, Washington, D. C., Feb. 19, 1923.
Mrs. Elenora Bowers, Baltimore, Md., Mar. 23 1923.
Rev. William Spangler, Williamsport, Pa., June 16, 1923.
Mrs. Sarah Spangler, Williamsport, Pa., June 16, 1923.
Miss Ada Hill, Williamsport, Pa., Nov. 14, 1923.

There are thirty applicants on the waiting list.

The matron in charge of the Home is Sister Mabel Stanley, a graduate of the Baltimore Deaconess Motherhouse. She has three assistants, two of whom are trained nurses.

There are many visitors from the States. Every one who comes to see the Home seems to be gratified at the good location, the fine building, and the comforts enjoyed by the members of the family. Strangers are coming to Washington in increasing numbers. It is the City Beautiful. Here are noble memorials, imposing public buildings, the Lincoln Memorial, the Washington Monument, the Capitol, which impart reverence for the nation's makers and its present institutions. Here also is the Home, a noteworthy memorial to one of the Church's finest activities. When you come to Washington do not fail to see the Home. It is located on Eighteeth Street near Rhode Island Avenue, N. E.

We receive inquiries from time to time about the legal title of the Home. This would imply that its welfare is being considered by those who are writing wills. Bequests are being made. We are anxious that this information shall come into the possession of the millions of Lutherans in our country. There ought to be an endowment fund sufficiently large to make the Home self-supporting. The Home was founded and maintained by the General Synod by whose aid it was to erect a fine modern building.

Board of Trustees

Rev. John Weidley, Washington, D. C.
Rev. Henry Anstadt, Chambersburg, Pa.
Rev. John T. Huddle, Washington, D. C.
Rev. Richard Schmidt, Washington, D. C.
Rev. F. R Wagner, Martinsburg, W. Va.
Rev. J. L. Frantz, Myersdale, Pa.
Rev. J. E. Harms, Hagerstown, Md.
William H. Finckel, Washington, D. C.
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Harry T. Domer, Washington, D. C.
L. Russell Alden, Washington, D. C.

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H. L. Snyder, Shepherdstown, W. Va.
F. E. Cunningham, Washington, D. C.

The Board meets semi-annually the second Monday in May and November.

The members of the Board resident in the city of Washington constitute the Executive Committee, and have charge of all the details incident to the management of the Home.

There is a Board of Lady Managers consisting of thirty-three members from the Lutheran congregations of Washington. This Board meets every month to consider the welfare of the members of the Home and to support the matron in the conduct of the Home.

Officers of the Board of Trustees

President.—Rev. John Weidley, 233 2d St., S. E., Washington, D. C.
Vice-president.—Rev. J. E. Harms, Hagerstown, Md.
Recording Secretary.—Rev. John T. Huddle, 738 11th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.
Corresponding Secretary.—William H. Finckel, 918 F Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.
Treasurer.—Harry T. Domer, 727 15th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

Respectfully submitted, John Weidley,
For the Board.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF THE NATIONAL LUTHERAN HOME FOR THE AGED

Harry T. Domer, Treasurer, in account with the Board of Trustees of the National Lutheran Home for the Aged, Washington, D. C., for the fiscal year from August 1, 1922, to July 31, 1923.

1922

Aug. 1 To Cash on Hand as per report to United Lutheran Church:		
Columbia National Bank	$1,223.54	
Washington Loan & Trust Co.	296.87	
Home Savings Bank (Amer. Sec. & Tr. Co.)	2,872.77	
Total		$4,393.18

Receipts

United Lutheran Church	$11,604.07	
Donations:		
St. Luke's, Baltimore, Md.	$34.31	
A. G. Herrmann, Washington, D. C.	50.00	
John J. Buffington, St. Mark's, Baltimore	25.00	
Memorial Luth. Church, Shippensburg, Pa.	40.50	
Prince of Peace Luth. Ch., Philadelphia	7.33	
Maryland Synod	313.00	
Franklin Nat. Bank, Washington, D. C.	100.00	
Rev. J. H. Turner, D.D., Ruxton, Md.	10.00	
Woman's Miss. Society, Frederick, Md.	20.00	
		600.14

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Interest on securities and bank deposits		823.69	
Sale of farm products		88.89	
Miscellaneous Receipts		16.27	
Room renovation account:			
Memorial S. S., Shippensburg, Pa.	25.00		
Waynesboro Luth. Church, Pa.	25.00		
Rev. I. O. Baker and family, Washington, D. C.	25.00		
St. Peter's, Riegelsville, Pa.	25.00		
		100.00	
Admission Fee Fund, 5 fees		1,050.00	
Legacy and Trust Fund:			
Mrs. Anna M. Lake legacy, Gettysburg, Pa.	270.00		
Mrs. Ann M. Tritle legacy, Cheevesville, Md.	152.80		
Mrs. L. C. Snyder legacy, Washington, D. C.	500.00		
Mrs. H. M. Hankey legacy, New Kensington, Pa.	452.50		
Mrs. Adah B. Sauer legacy, Washington, D. C.	200.00		
Securities paid off	3,100.00		
Received from Inmates	8,182.98		
		12,858.28	
Annuity Fund, Annuity Received		3,000.00	
Total Receipts			30,141.34
Total to be Accounted for			$34,534.52

DISBURSEMENTS

Executive Expenses:			
Board Meetings	$36.83		
President's Salary	250.00		
Treasurer's Salary	500.00		
Treasurer's Bond	50.00		
Auditing (Paid under protest)	112.86		
Sundries	21.50		
		$971.19	
Board of Lady Managers for domestic expenses		6,000.00	
Farm:			
Farmer's wages	$900.00		
Extra Help and Board	760.50		
Supplies	404.23		
Feed	962.36		
Blacksmithing	32.65		
Cottage:			
Installing water main	485.45		
Repairs, etc.	167.75		
		653.20	
Veterinary Services	4.75		
		3,717.69	

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Professional Services:			
Physician	454.00		
Dentist	15.00		
Architects	20.00		
		489.00	
Religious Services at Home		245.00	
Deaconess Services		200.00	
Nursing and Hospital		1,571.45	
Medical Supplies		87.27	
Engineer's Wages		900.00	
Building Repairs:			
Room Renovation	375.00		
Various	192.72		
		567.72	
Plumbing and Sewer		454.90	
Fuel		1,365.66	
Electric Current		342.55	
Gas		78.75	
Telephone Service		158.60	
Printing, Stationery and Postage		72.25	
Taxes:			
Water Rent	60.75		
Grundy Co., Tenn.	11.30		
		72.05	
Funeral Expenses (4 deaths)		436.74	
Interest Disbursements:			
To Inmates	1,087.54		
Various	325.75		
		1,413.29	
Legacy and Trust Fund:			
Purchase Wash. Gas-Light Co. Bonds		2,000.00	
Annuity Fund:			
Purchase Wash. Gas-Light Co. Bonds		3,000.00	
Exhibit:			
Cost Buffalo Exhibit		232.20	
General Fund Loan Account:			
Purchase one share Amer. Tel. & Tel. Stock		102.75	
Miscellaneous Disbursements		151.11	
Total Disbursements			$24,630.17
Cash on Hand, July 31, 1923:			
Columbia National Bank		$2,011.63	
Washington Loan and Trust Co.		302.82	
Home Savings Bank (Amer. Sec. & Tr. Co.)		7,589.90	
Total Cash on Hand			9,904.35
Total Accounted for			$34,534.52

ASSETS

Securities:		
Legacy and Trust Fund	8,810.00	
New Building Fund	400.00	
General Fund Loan Account	100.00	
Annuity Fund	3,000.00	
		12,310.00

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Grundy County Tract, assessed valuation	200.00
National Lutheran Home property, D. C., assd. val.	27,598.00
New Building, Cost	91,555.64
Farmer's Cottage, $3.000, Barn, $2,000	5,000.00
Bedford, Pa., share in Fetterly bequest	1,606.83
Cash on hand, July 31, 1923	9,904.35
Total Assets	$148,174.82

LIABILITIES

Unpaid bills	$ 138.15

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY T. DOMER, *Treasurer.*

FOR FISCAL YEAR FROM AUGUST 1, 1923, TO JULY 31, 1924

1923			
Aug. 1 To cash on hand as per report to United Lutheran Church:			
Columbia National Bank		$ 2,011.63	
Washington Loan and Trust Co.		302.82	
Home Savings Bank (Amer. Sec. & Tr. Co.)		7,589.90	
Total			$9,904.35
RECEIPTS			
United Lutheran Church		$ 13,845.25	
Admission Fee Fund (1 fee)		200.00	
Legacies:			
George F. Muth, Wash., D. C.	$200.00		
William C. Rupp, Balto., Md.	300.00		
		500.00	
Trust Fund:			
Proceeds War Savings Stamps	110.00		
Rec'd from Inmates	4,060.50		
		4,170.50	
Sale of Farm Products		54.57	
Interest on Securities and Bank Deposits		900.39	
Miscellaneous Receipts		19.33	
Annuity Fund, Annuity rec'd		750.00	
Donations:			
Maryland Synod	134.68		
Miss Lelia Ida Gardner, Philada.	25.00		
St. Luke's, Baltimore, Md.	29.14		
Ladies' Aid, First Ch., Altoona, Pa.	10.00		
A. G. Hermann, Wash., D. C.	50.00		
Memorial Bible Sch., Shippensburg, Pa.	62.50		
Rev. J. E. Bittle, Pittsburgh, Pa.	5.00		
		316.32	
Maryland Synod Building Fund:			
Gift from Mrs. Matilda Seifert, Balto., Md.		100.00	
Total Receipts			$20,856.36
Total to be Accounted for			$30,760.71

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DISBURSEMENTS

Trust Fund, Purchase Wash. Ry. & Elec. Bonds		4,950.00
Plumbing and Sewer		86.00
Fuel Account		1,455.15
Taxes		439.42
Farm:		
Blacksmithing	38.00	
Veterinary Services	6.00	
Supplies	383.59	
Feed	1,104.11	
Extra Help	560.00	
Farmer's Wages	900.00	
		2,991.70
Religious Services at Home		300.00
Funeral Expenses (5 deaths)		597.41
Medical Supplies		106.56
Deaconess Services		260.83
Gas		109.98
Telephone		146.88
Electric Current		338.30
Printing, Stationery and Postage		87.62
Building Repairs		245.66
Engineer's Wages		900.00
Board of Lady Managers, Domestic Expenses		6,600.00
Professional Services, Physician		450.00
Miscellaneous Disbursements:		
Sibley Hospital (Rebecca Gulick)	$132.30	
Garfield Hospital (Dr. Croll)	234.75	
Sundries	147.97	
		515.02
Nursing (Regular, 1,440; special, 61.00)		1,501.00
Executive Expenses:		
Board Meetings	43.60	
President's Salary	250.00	
Treasurer's Salary	500.00	
Treasurer's Bond	50.00	
Auditing (Paid under protest)	125.72	
Traveling Expenses, President	81.50	
		1,050.82
Interest Disbursements:		
To Inmates	1,288.97	
To Annuitants	407.50	
Various	125.42	
		1,821.89
Annuity Fund, Purchase Amer. Tel. & Tel. Stock		561.50
Total Disbursements		$25,515.74
Cash on hand, July 31, 1924:		
Columbia National Bank	593.66	
Washington Loan & Trust Co.	308.89	
Home Savings Bank (Amer. Sec. & Tr. Co.)	4,342.42	
Total Cash on Hand		5,244.97
Total Accounted for		$30,760.71

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Assets		
Securities:		
Legacy and Trust Fund	13,700.00	
New Building Fund	400.00	
General Fund Loan Account	100.00	
Annuity Fund	3,500.00	
		17,700.00
Grundy County Tract, assessed valuation		200.00
National Lutheran Home property, D. C., assd. val.		27,598.00
New Building, cost		91,555.64
Farmer's Cottage, $3,000; Barn, $2,000		5,000.00
Bedford, Pa., share in Fetterly bequest		1,606.83
Cash on hand, July 31, 1924		5,244.97
Total Assets		$148,905.44

No Liabilities

Respectfully submitted,
HARRY T. DOMER, *Treasurer.*

Note.—This statement does not include the July, 1924, apportionment and specials amounting to $1,266, received and deposited as of August 1, 1924.

Philadelphia, September 12, 1924.

We have audited the accounts of the National Lutheran Home for the Aged for the two years ended July 31, 1924, and we certify that in our opinion the attached reports of the treasurer for the years ended July 31, 1923, and July 31, 1924, are in accordance with the books of account and are correct.

LYBRAND, ROSS BROS. & MONTGOMERY,
Accountants and Auditors.

The statement concerning a requested increase of $5,000 a year on the budget of the Home was referred to the Finance Committee and ordered stricken from the report. Thereupon the report was adopted as a whole.

It was ordered that the Secretary remove from any report, in which it may occur, any similar statement.

The matter of dissent of certain members to the action taken on Item 8 of the report of the Committee on Moral and Social Welfare was taken up. The members referred to had attempted to enter their dissent yesterday, stating at the same time the reason for such dissent. The form in which the dissent was stated not being acceptable to the Convention, the dissent was withdrawn for the time being. No record was made of this in the Minutes of the session of Monday afternoon because of the withdrawal of the dissent.

Upon taking up this matter for consideration, the President

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stated two processes by which the desire of those dissenting might be recorded, the one involving parliamentary processes which would open the question to debate, the other not. It was found that the matter could not be presented in a form to be acted upon at the time, and it was therefore moved and carried, That a special order be set for the further consideration of the matter immediately after the report of the National Lutheran Council this afternoon.

The Rev. L. M. Zimmerman, President of the Board of Deaconess Work, presented the report of that Board.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DEACONESS WORK

Two prominent milestones in the progress of the deaconess cause in America have recently been passed, *i. e.*, the seventy-fifth anniversary of the arrival of Theodore Fliedner and four Kaiserswerth Sisters at Pittsburgh and the fortieth anniversary of the coming seven sisters of the Iserlohn Motherhouse to Philadelphia. The former was celebrated on May 25th in connection with the Sixteenth Biennial Convention of Lutheran Deaconess Motherhouses at Milwaukee. The latter was signalized by a series of services and evening reception in the Philadelphia Motherhouse on June 19th. The enthusiasm manifested upon these occasions was evidence of the vitality of the enterprise and the conviction of its permanent place among the progressive agencies of the Church.

The number of consecrated sisters and probationers now in regular connection with the nine Motherhouses as reported at Milwaukee is 369. The recently established institution of the Missouri Synod at Fort Wayne reports in addition 5 sisters and 19 candidates. The harmonious co-operation of these institutions in the great field of woman's loving ministry is a hopeful prophecy of closer fellowship in all departments of our great Church's activity.

We note with pleasure the increasing interest in the diaconate manifested by the Women's Missionary Society and the Luther Leagues, both of which organizations now include the cause among the annual topics in their courses of study. We are glad also to find prominent mention of the female diaconate in the Life-Service appeals of the Board of Education. The Board has endeavored by all legitimate means to bring the cause to the attention of the Church with a view to increasing the number of candidates. The pastors of the Motherhouses are always ready to respond when possible to invitations for the presentation of the work to congregations and synodical conventions. We have found especially effective the presentation of the work by deaconesses actually engaged in the various forms of service. Their very presence in the assemblies of

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the church and the simple narrative of their experiences serve to remove foolish prejudices and appeal most strongly to earnest-minded young women. An increasing use has been made of advertisements in the periodicals of the Church and a number of leaflets have been widely distributed. A large edition of an appealing tract written by the president of the Board has been presented by him for general distribution. But above all these efforts, dependence must continue to be placed chiefly upon the intelligent and active interest of the pastors of the church in commending the cause from the pulpit and in personal intercourse with their active membership.

There has been but one change in the personnel of the Board during the biennium. Dr. W. H. Greever, having been elected a member of the Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church, presented his resignation to this Board. The vacancy was filled by the election of Dr. J. F. Crigler, of Charlotte, N. C.

Baltimore Motherhouse

Instruction and Training

The revival of the office of Superintendent of Instruction in the election of Dr. Foster U. Gift to the position has been abundantly justified. Without any curtailment of the regular course for candidates or the one-year course for Christian Workers, it has been possible to add a two-year course, which has already enrolled six students. A model Weekday School of Religion has been conducted in Calvary Lutheran Church with an enrollment of more than 100 under the direct supervision of the Superintendent of Instruction and the Training Sister, the teaching being all done by probationers and students of the Motherhouse. Upon request of the Baltimore Lutheran pastors, evening religious classes have been conducted with great interest in the Motherhouse during the winter attended by young people from twelve churches in the city.

Five students have specialized in kindergarten work, assisting in the care of the children during the morning hours and themselves receiving technical instruction every afternoon.

In addition to the classroom work by the regular staff of the Motherhouse, which includes Rev. Henry Manken, Rev. C. J. Hines, George A. Bawden, M.D., Eugene Zellers, M.D., Prof. A. L. Judefind and the physical director of the Baltimore Young Women's Christian Asociation, special lectures have been given by Dr. E. H. Delk, Dr. A. Pohlman, Dr. U. S. G. Rupp, Dr. F. P. Manhart. Dr. J. F. Ohl, Dr. Chas. F. Steck, Dr. A. D. R. Hancher, Dr. E. K. Bell, Dr. L. M. Zimmerman, Dr. J. C. Bowers, Rev. W. Freas, Dr. L. Kuhlman. Dr. G. Drach, Dr. F. H. Knubel, Dr. A. S. Hartman, Dr. D. E. Benham, Mrs. C. E. Hay, Sister Jennie Christ, Sister Sophia and Miss L. E. McCormick.

Ten probationers have gained practical experience in the Lankenau

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Hospital in Philadelphia, the Church Home and Infirmary of Baltimore, and the Maryland General Hospital of Baltimore.

Consecrations

At a special service in the Motherhouse Chapel on April 24, 1923, Sisters Georgia Bushman, Anna Friedrich, Margaret Gundrum, Gladys Kumler, Jessie Peterson and Bertha Schwanewede were in the solemn service of consecration admitted to full membership in the Sisterhood, the sermon being preached by Dr. Elias D. Weigle. At a service on April 29, 1924, Sisters Alma Boarts, Martha Hansen, Kathryn Merkh and Pearle Lyerly were similarly inducted into the full diaconate, the sermon being preached by Dr. J. F. Crigler.

Number of Sisters

The number of consecrated sisters now connected with the Motherhouse is 48 and of probationers 11, a total of 59; 4 having withdrawn within the biennium.

Work of Sisters

Parish work has been done within the biennium of 30 congregations, as follows: Christ, St. John's, Atonement and Advent, New York City; Zion, Syracuse, N. Y.; First, Albany, N. Y.; Reformation, Rochester, N. Y.; St. Luke's, Brooklyn, N. Y.; St. Matthew's, Messiah and Muhlenberg Memorial, Philadelphia, Pa.; Memorial, Harrisburg, Pa.; Zion, York, Pa.; Zion, Sunbury, Pa.; First, St. Stephen's, Pittsburgh, Pa.; First, New Kensington, Pa.; Second, Altoon, Pa.; First, Warren, Pa.; Holy Trinity, Elizabeth, N. J.; Trinity, Hagerstown, Md.; Reformation, Christ and First, Baltimore, Md.; Trinity, Canton, Ohio; Trinity, Akron, Ohio; First, Wheeling, W. Va.; First, Richmond, Va.; St. John's, Charleston, S. C.; St. John's, Salisbury, N. C.; St. John's, Cherryville, N. C.

One of our sisters is laboring in Tabitha Home, Lincoln, Neb.; one in the National Lutheran Home for the Aged, Washington, D. C.; one in the Orphans' Home, Loysville, Pa.; one in the Franke Home for the Aged, Charleston, S. C.; one in the Children's Home, Knoxville, Tenn. One is conducting the Lutheran Settlement House in Philadelphia. One is in charge of the Girls' Hospice, Baltimore. One is visitor of the Inner Mission Society of Baltimore among the hospitals and poor of the city. One is serving in Summerland College, S. C. Three are in Muhlenberg Mission, Africa, and one in the Virgin Islands.

Special Students

The results of the admission of special students to the Training School of the Motherhouse continue to be very gratifying. It has in no way interfered with the course prescribed for candidates and probationers, but on the contrary has been the means of leading a number of very efficient workers to enter the regular course.

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More than 150 young women have pursued the special One-Year Course for Christian Workers, which was originally designed merely to prepare for more effective gratuitous service in their home congregations. This end has been accomplished, as testified by many pastors; but many are occpuying positions of great usefulness in wider spheres. Three are laboring under the care of the Inner Mission Society of Philadelphia—two of these as assistants of our deaconess, Sister Martha, in the Lutheran Settlement House, and one as kindergartner in the Martin Luther Neighborhood House. One is serving under the auspices of the Inner Mission Society of Minneapolis and one engaged officially in Inner Mission work in New York City. One has accepted a position under the Women's Missionary of the United Lutheran Church in Philadelphia. One is assistant to our Sister Mabel in the National Lutheran Home for the Aged in Washington, D. C. Two are engaged in the Loysville Orphans' Home, and one in the orphanage at Nachusa, Ill. Five are laboring as pastors' helpers upon salary, *i. e.*, in Lancaster, Ohio; Cobleskill, N. Y.; Roanoke, Va.; York, Pa., and New York City. Fourteen are serving in our Foreign Mission fields, India, Africa and Japan; one is in Porto Rico and one in the Virgin Islands. Fourteen entered the Motherhouse as fiancees of theological students and are now the wives of pastors in our home and foreign fields.

In response to a desire expressed by a number of the students in recent years, the Board now offers also a Two-Year Course, upon which a number have already entered. During the biennium 40 students have been enrolled in these special courses.

Gifts

Legacies have been received from estates of the following friends of the cause: Mrs. Anna M. Lake, $270; Mr. Francis A. Reichard, $100; Mr. Wm. L. Fleagle, $52.22. A number of substantial contributions have been made in cash or provisions by individuals, congregations, and Sunday schools.

The Philadelphia Motherhouse

Forty years of deaconess work in Philadelphia were completed on June 19th, of this year. The day was fittingly observed not merely because of its significance in the life of the Motherhouse and the Church, but also because two of the original group of seven sisters who arrived from Iserlohn, Westphalia, on June 19, 1884, are still with with us, one of them in active service. The importance of this successful transplanting of the Female Diaconate can hardly be overestimated. This Motherhouse, like the others founded since, is an open door through which consecrated young women can enter upon a life-service in the Church's ministry of mercy. These Motherhouses have been centers of spiritual power quickening the lives of thousands every year and setting a high

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standard of consecration and efficiency for all religious workers. The Ministerium of Pennsylvania and Ministerium of New York by official action recognized this anniversary and the presidents of the United Lutheran Church, of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania and of the Board of Deaconess Work delivered inspiring addresses on this day.

The Sisterhood has grown to 95 members, 78 deaconesses and 17 probationers, including two sisters sent us by the West Indies' Mission Board for work among their own race and one sister from a Motherhouse in Berlin whose long experience in a line of treatment comparatively new in this country will be of special value in our Children's Hospital work. Of the 92 sisters 34 have entered during the past decade, 12 during the past biennium. They came from 14 different synods and other Lutheran bodies, 15 of the sisters from congregations of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania; of the 92 sisters 11, *i. e.*, 12 per cent are from Philadelphia congregations. This leads to the reasonable conclusion that *the deaconess work will continue to gain ground most where it is known best.* This is the basis for our expectation of a fuller development of the diaconate during the fifth decade just begun.

The pleas for deaconesses are growing in numbers and persistence and *the great need is a more widespread and actice co-operation by pastors and other leaders in the Church for winning candidates.* Sisters of the Philadelphia Motherhouse are stationed at three hospitals with a total of more than 5,500 patients every year, besides more than three times that number treated in the dispensaries. Our sisters care for 80 men and women in two homes for the aged, for 70 children, mostly from disrupted families, for several hundred under-nourished children in danger of tuberculosis sent to a preventorium in groups of 15—25 by a dispensary in charge of one of our deaconesses, having about 200 tuberculosis patients regularly on their list. Our sisters also conduct our Lankenau School for Girls, the only Lutheran school admitting children of all ages and the only school in this country conducted by deaconesses. Some children have received their entire education here, from the kindergarten through the high school. The graduating class of 1924 numbered 14 young women from five States and five different denominations. Last, but not least, seven of our sisters are in as many parishes where they devote themselves chiefly to educational work and visitations. Almost 60 deaconesses more are needed now, about half for new fields of labor insistently pleading for help. Teachers, nurses, social workers and others with highly specialized training could soon be sent out as deaconesses to labor directly for Christ.

A Two-Year Course for Christian Workers is offered by this Motherhouse, but owing to lack of room only four students at a time can be admitted. The first year includes a full kindergarten course, the second year is devoted to practical training along lines needed by parish workers.

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As this course is rather strenuous and is but little advertised, the number of students has at no time exceeded said number.

The Philadelphia Motherhouse has felt for many years the need of additional room and has added a "Sun Parlor" for children and a rest room for their parents; also a room for physiotherapy at a cost of $15,000; other necessary improvements added $7,500 more. To meet these extra expenses a "Donation Day" was held for the first time in the history of this institution on October 26, 1923, which netted over $8,000. The response of the many friends was so encouraging that "Donation Day" will probably become a permanent feature. This Motherhouse is deeply grateful to the United Lutheran Church for the $3,000 received in 1922 and $4,500 in 1923. Without this assistance the Motherhouse would soon face a serious situation, for even with this help the current expenses for 1923 exceeded the income by $2,222.27. The treasurer's accounts are audited annually by the same firm engaged for this service by the United Lutheran Church.

Respectfully submitted,
E. F. BACHMANN.

THE MILWAUKEE MOTHERHOUSE

The Board of Managers of the Institution of Protestant Deaconesses which controls the Milwaukee Motherhouse consists of nine members, five of whom must be members of the Pittsburgh Synod, and four members of other co-operating synods. The present members of the Board are: Rev. H. L. Fritschel, D.D., president, Milwaukee, Wis.; Rev. F. W. Kohler, secretary, Rochester, Pa.; Sister Catharine Dentzer, Milwaukee, Wis.; Mr. H. E. Passavant, Philadelphia, Pa.; Prof. Otto Proehl, Clinton, Iowa; Rev. C. W. White, Zelienople, Pa.; Rev. Ellis B. Burgess, D.D., Crafton, Pa.; Rev. Jesse LeRoy Miller, D.D., Youngstown, Ohio; Mr. William Steinmyer, Pittsburgh, Pa.

The Sisterhood consists of 42 consecrated Deaconesses and 10 probationary Sisters, a total of 52 Sisters. Five Sisters were consecrated in our chapel on the 11th of November, 1923, Pastor H. L. Fritschel, D.D., and A. Gruhn, pastor of the Mothersouse, officiating. The Lord willing, Sister Nanca Schoen, of St. Croix, Virgin Islands, who is here on furlough, will be consecrated on the 14th of September, 1924. After her consecration she will return to her field of labor.

The Sisters serve at the following stations and fields of labor:

Motherhouse, Milwaukee, Wis., 3; Milwaukee Hospital, Milwaukee, Wis., 18; Layton Home, Milwaukee, Wis., 3; Passavant Hospital, Pittsburgh, Pa., 6; Home for Epileptics, Rochester, Pa., 6; Orphans' Home, Zelienople, Pa., 4; Orphans' Home, Toledo, Ohio, 3; Old Folks' Home, Toledo, Ohio, 2; Church of the Redeemer, Milwaukee, Wis., 1; Orphans' Home, Waverly, Iowa, 1; St. Croix, Virgin Islands, 1; on furlough, 2.

During the biennium approximately 80 aged men and women were given Christian care in Christian Homes for the aged; 250 orphans and

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dependent children have been cared for spiritually and bodily. The sufferings of 40 incurables were relieved by loving hands in a Christian Home. The souls and bodies of 100 Epileptics were provided for, 14,000 patients have been cared for and nursed in our hospitals, and extensive service has been rendered to the poor by the dispensary. Parish work has been done in the Church of the Redeemer, Milwaukee, Wis.

The Pittsburgh Synod has successfully conducted a campaign to raise funds for a new school building for the Orphans' Home at Zelienople. Pa. This will be a much needed and valuable addition to that institution. May God continue blessing the efforts of this Synod. The Milwaukee Hospital has erected a new house for nurses, at the cost of one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars, which was completed in February, 1924.

The Sixteenth Conference of Lutheran Deaconess Motherhouses in America met in Milwaukee, Wis., May 20-22, 1924. All the Lutheran Motherhouses in America were well represented, except one. The sessions throughout were very inspiring, and much benefit was derived from them by everyone who attended them. The officers were re-elected, and a committee was appointed to write a history of the diaconate in America.

The Diamond Jubilee of the Deaconess Work in America was celebrated on Sunday, May 25, 1924, with appropriate services. In the morning service the Rev. C. P. MacLaughlin, D.D., of the First Lutheran Church of Pittsburgh, Pa., preached a very impressive anniversary sermon. The Rev. H. L. Fritschel, D.D., and A. Gruhn also officiated. In the afternoon service the speakers were: E. F. Bachmann, D.D., of the Philadelphia Motherhouse; C. G. Chinlund, S.T.D., of the Augustana Motherhouse, Omaha, Neb.; H. B. Kildahl, D.D., Superintendent of the Home Finding Department of the Board of Charities, Minneapolis, Minn.; J. A. Morehead, D.D., Sister Anna of Bethany Motherhouse. Berlin. Germany, Pastor J. F. Fedders of Lake Park Church, Milwaukee, Wis., and H. L. Fritschel, D.D., General Director of the Institution of Protestant Deaconesses. The delegates who attended the Deaconess Conference took part in this celebration, thus nearly every Motherhouse in America was represented.

Respectfully submitted,
A. GRUHN, Pastor.

RESOLUTIONS SUGGESTED

1. The United Lutheran Church records its gratitude to God upon the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of the introduction of deaconesses into this country by the late Dr. Wm. A. Passavant, of Pittsburgh, Pa., and congratulates the Institution of Protestant Deaconesses founded by him and now carrying on its work in connection with the Lutheran Motherhouse at Milwaukee.

2. It likewise records its deep appreciation of the services rendered by the deaconesses of the Lutheran motherhouses throughout this country,

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and rejoices in the fact that in the female diaconate there has been offered to the consecrated young womanhood of the church an opportunity for life service, so varied in its demands as to utilize every talent, so divergent in its operations as to meet every need, so Christ-like in its spirit as to challenge the devotion of all who love the Lord.

3. In view of the fact that our Sisters are serving in parishes and institutions under the auspices of the various Boards of the Church, we bespeak for our deaconess work the hearty support of our pastors and of the official representatives of the various agencies of the Church.

4. We commend the wisdom of the Baltimore Motherhouse in seeking to establish an endowment fund as provision for the future and approve the application to this purpose of all contributions received upon the annuity plan.

5. We approve the establishment of special courses in the Motherhouses for young women who desire to secure special training for Christian service but are unable to enter the deaconess calling.

Respectfully submitted,
L. M. ZIMMERMAN, President.
C. E. HAY, Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

For the Year Ended 31st July, 1923

RECEIPTS:

	General Fund	Endowment Fund	New Building Fund
United Lutheran Church in America..	$21,809.00		
United, General and Branch Synods..	147.85		
Donations	90.00		$1,044.50
Tuition	2,427.50		
Kindergarten	556.76		
Nursing	753.21		
Stations	7,058.35		
Miscellaneous Refunds	79.79		
Bank Interest	78.41	$14.52	105.94
Interest on Investments			106.25
Discounts earned	102.41		
Proceeds from Sale of Liberty Bonds			4,979.85
	$33,103.28	$14.52	$6,236.54

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DISBURSEMENTS			
Salaries of Superintendent and Asst.	$4,000.02		
Superintendent's Traveling Expenses	545.90		
Wages of General and Domestic Help	3,610.00		
Expenses of Motherhouse	308.15		
Furniture and Fixtures, Purchased	393.00		
Expenses of other Officers and Board Members	516.36		
Expenses of Grounds	155.25		
Household Expenses	4,500.00		
Personal Expenses of Sisters	1,149.75		
Sisters' Training Fund	175.00		
Professional Services for Sisters	598.25		
Sisters' Quarterly Allowance	5,126.10		
Sisters' Traveling Allowance	757.59		
Wearing Apparel	2,865.18		
Lectures and Class Instruction	568.35		
Class and Library Books	809.28		
Printing and Stationery	906.40		
Office Salary and Expenses	133.33		
Telephone and Telegraph	82.32		
Postage and Expressage	76.13		
Fuel and Light	3,268.43		
Auditing	100.00		
Contribution to Mary J. Drexel Home	2,000.00		
Sewing Room Expenses	550.00		
Annuity Bond Interest	305.17		
Grain, Feed and Garden Supplies	400.12		
Expenses of other Buildings owned by Board	1,460.47		
New Cottages	5,097.00		
General Expenses	1,391.71		
	$41,849.26		
Excess or Deficit for the Year	$8,745.98	$14.52	$6,236.54
ANNUITY FUND:			
Annuities	$7,000.00		
Ground Rents Purchased	3,300.00		
Excess	$3,700.00		
SUMMARY			
Balance, August 1, 1922			$6,585.29
Add, Excess of Receipts:			
Endowment Fund		$14.52	
New Building Fund		6,236.54	
Annuity Fund		3,700.00	
			9,951.06
			$16,536.35
Deduct, Excess of Disbursments: General Fund			8,745.98
			$7,790.37

Respectfully submitted,
FREDERICK J. SINGLEY, *Treasurer.*

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PHILADELPHIA, August 28, 1924.

We have audited the accounts of the Board of Deaconess Work of the United Lutheran Church in America for the year ended July 31, 1923, and we certify that, in our opinion, the foregoing statements of Receipts and Disbursements, etc., are in accordance with the books of account and are correct.

LYBRAND, ROSS BROS. & MONTGOMERY,
Accountants and Auditors.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

for the year ended 31st July, 1924

RECEIPTS

	General Fund	Endowment Fund	New Building Fund	Annuity Fund
United Lutheran Church in America	$25,796.00			
United, General and Branch Synods	184.97			
Donations	100.00	$220.05	$247.36	
Tuition	3,075.17			
Kindergarten	692.82			
Nursing	878.66			
Stations	6,974.14			
Annuities				$1,000.00
Miscellaneous Refunds	900.71			
Bank Interest	26.96	14.22	73.23	
Discounts Earned	99.96			
Ground Rents	342.62			
	$39,072.01	$234.27	$320.59	$1,000.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries of Superintendent & Asst.	$4,000.00
Superintendent Traveling Expenses	205.25
Wages of General & Domestic Help	4,110.00
Expenses of Motherhouse and Cottages	682.72
Furniture and Fixtures Purchased.	391.75
Expenses of Other Officers and Board Members	581.74
Expenses of Grounds	271.47
Household Expenses	5,000.00
Personal Expenses of Sisters	1,067.57
Sisters' Training Fund	150.00
Professional Service for Sisters	810.75
Sisters' Quarterly Allowance	4,679.30
Sisters' Traveling Allowance	441.32
Wearing Apparel	2,637.26
Lectures and Class Instruction	737.20
Class and Library Books	405.87
Printing and Stationery	554.05
Office Salary and Expenses	305.53

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Fuel and Light	3,168.82			
Contribution to Mary J. Drexel Home	4,500.00			
Sewing Room Expenses	550.00			
Grain, Feed and Garden Supplies	411.11			
Advertising in *"Lutheran"*	171.86			
Auditing	100.00			
Annuity Bond Interest	591.75			
Expenses of other Buildings owned by Board	35.12			
Lorraine Park Cemetery Lot Purchased	600.00			
Ground Rents Purchased	154.48			4,700.00
General Expenses	779.52			
	$38,094.44			$4,700.00
Excess or Deficit for the year	$977.57	$234.27	$320.59	$3,700.00

SUMMARY

Balance, August 1, 1923			$7,790.37
Add Excess of Receipts:			
General Fund		$977.57	
Endowment Fund		234.27	
New Building Fund		320.59	1,532.43
			$9,322.80
Deduct, Excess of Disbursements:			
Annuity Fund			$3,700.00
			$5,622.80

FREDERICK J. SINGLEY, *Treasurer.*

Philadelphia, August 28, 1924.

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LYBRAND, ROSS BROS. & MONTGOMERY,
Accountants and Auditors.

The Rev. C. E. Hay, Secretary of the Board and Pastor of the Baltimore Motherhouse, presented the work of that institution, and then introduced successively the Rev. Herman L. Fritschel, President of the Institution of Protestant Deaconesses, Milwaukee, Wis., and the Rev. E. F. Bachmann, Pastor of the Philadelphia Motherhouse, each of whom addressed the Convention.

Resolutions 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 were adopted. The report was adopted as a whole.

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The Rev. A. Pohlman presented the report of the Board of Ministerial Relief.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MINISTERIAL RELIEF

The "Keynote" of the Biennial Report of the Board of Ministerial Relief is "Encouraging Progress." There have been days of stress and anxiety, when the Board wondered how it could pay its pension pledges; there was also a rapidly increasing debt which created an alarming problem, but the crisis has been passed and the outlook for the future is brighter than at any time since the establishment of the pension.

The story of the biennium is one of development. The work of the Board is still new to the Church. Due to the fact that pastors show reticence in presenting a cause which will eventually benefit them, in many places it is scarcely known. Publicity has been the Board's great fundamental need and it has sought to attain it through presentation to congregations and at Synodical and other meetings by the Executive Secretary; through articles and advertisements in *The Lutheran* and other Church publications, and through personal letters. It is further seeking this end by securing cooperating committees in every synod who will secure laymen in their various districts to present the cause before congregations, seeking appointments for them in every congregation of the district. To this end a "Speaker's Manual" has been prepared which will provide material for addresses as well as give knowledge of what is being done and planned for the ministers, not only in our own communion, but in the various Churches of the Protestant faith in the United States and Canada, so that the speakers may have a background which will enable them to answer any questions which may be asked.

In some quarters it has been suggested that it might be better if the pension was on a contributory basis, the ministers, in order to participate, making an annual contribution toward its maintenance. This has been rejected because, however small the required amount might be, there would inevitably be some who would feel unable to pay it, and though they would be the ones who would need it most, their failure would bar them and their widows from the pension benefits. The pension is not an insurance, but is the Church's provision for its veterans. As a matter of fact, every minister who is so inclined is free to contribute to the work as much and as often as he may desire.

It has also been suggested that some do not require a pension and that therefore it should be conditioned upon need. This has also been rejected because of the utter inability of any Board to pass justly upon "need." It cannot be measured upon any standard of a given number of dollars of

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private income. Too many other things enter in. Private resources are usually over-estimated. Such things are judged by a man's manner of life and liberality. Ministers must maintain a scale of living in accord with the congregation which they serve and invariably they are liberal beyond their means. The whole sweetness of the Church's provision for its veterans would be taken away if reception of the pension depended upon a man or woman having to justify to the Board their need of a pension before they could enjoy its benefits. Some who do not need it do not make application. Others give back the entire amount to the Board to be applied to its Endowment or Relief. Still others share it with other agencies of the Church. Some few possibly receive it who might forego their privilege, from the point of view of expediency, but they too have earned it and no one knows either their actual circumstances or what disposition they make of what they receive. It would not be just or right to penalize the entire ministry by any requirement of the statement of need because of the few whom local opinion, which may be grossly mistaken, thinks should not be included in the provision. As a matter of fact, the United States Income-tax returns of 1916 show that less than one in 100 had a gross income of $3,000, so that even with the increased salaries since that time, which have not kept up with the cost of living, very few would have income enough when salary ceased, to live without being dependent upon some one. The judgment of the laymen of the Church, in so far as we have been able to gather it, is strongly in favor of the present plan, which is identical, in its application, with that of the great corporations of the land, which give to all, executives as well as the humblest workers, a pension on the basis of service.

The history of the biennium is a story of struggle. The amount received from the apportionment for the three years ending July 31, 1923, averaged $12,000 annually less than the cost of the pensions. For the past two years the Women's Missionary Society has been giving $5,000 a year to the work. Additional gifts and the small income from the Endowment have enabled the Board to meet all running expenses and keep the debt down to $20,000 at the end of that period. In December, 1923, however, the situation became so acute that a special meeting of the Executive Committee had to be called to provide funds before the monthly checks could be sent out. The Church could not break faith with its veterans and a way out was found. With that the crisis was passed. A number of large gifts were received and the Christmas gifts began to pour in, about 50 per cent. of them for the General Fund. With January the new apportionment became effective and the benevolence of the Church showed a decided improvement, so that payments have been made on the debt and the summer shortage provided for. Brighter days seem to have arrived.

The Relief Work of the Board has developed materially during the biennium. For four years Christmas letters have been sent out to a constantly growing mailing list asking for gifts to enable us to dispense the

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Christmas spirit through the year to those in need. The first year the appeal brought in $2,600; the second, $6,300; the third, $9,000, and the fourth, between $12,000 and $13,000, half of which was indicated for the debt. During the past two years as a result, the Board has been able to make four grants annually to those who made application for it on the basis of need, and to give help to a number of active pastors into whose lives had come financial crises through sickness or death in their families. The regular grants were made at Christmas, Easter, in July and October—$50.00 at each time to those who had no income on which they could count beyond their pension, and smaller amounts, down to $12.50 to those whose income did not exceed the amount of their pension. The appreciation of even the smallest gifts has been almost pathetic. About $12,000 a year is distributed in this manner.

Nothing of this sort would be possible without special contributions for the purpose, and individuals, churches, Sunday schools, and Church Societies, are asked to support the Relief Fund with contributions at Christmas time and throughout the year.

In securing these extra gifts the cooperation of the pastors is essential in furnishing lists of those to whom letters may be sent with the prospect of arousing interest in the work. In this connection it is well to note that the Board has adopted the policy of reporting to every pastor whose people, as individuals or as societies, have made contributions directly to the Board, the amount received from his church. All blanks for remitting the money have a space for indicating congregational membership, as our card index system is kept by states, cities and congregations. All gifts, too, are acknowledged immediately on receipt. In order that congregational gifts coming through the treasurers of synods may also be acknowledged, blanks have been prepared for their use in order that they may indicate the source of the gifts.

It is gratifying to note that all of the Synods which had funds for the relief of their clergy before the Merger have transferred them to the Board of Ministerial Relief, with the exception of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania and the Synod of Canada. The former indicates its purpose soon to do so. The latter desires to avoid sending its funds across the international border. Both, however, pay the *income* of their funds into the hands of the Board. The Endowment funds of the Pastors' Fund of the General Synod, amounting to about $62,000 (owing to the fact that it was given for the relief of needy ministers and their widows and orphans), has been transferred to the Board of Ministerial Relief as a "Relief Endowment."

During the biennium there have been added to the Endowment Fund of the Board $26,105.46 and Annuity Bonds to the amount of $22,173.00, which will eventually become part of the Endowment. Of the bonds, $14,223 have been taken by ministers, one of whom has given the Board $8,223, $5,223 of which is for Relief Endowment, and another $5,000. The total

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gifts to the Board during the biennium for all purposes, including the money received from the Women's Missionary Society, but not the annuity bonds, amounts of $63,667.54, which shows decided progress and growth of interest.

The present roll of those receiving pensions (August 1, 1924) includes 168 retired ministers, 20 disabled ministers, 402 widows and 82 children, involving an annual expenditure of $141,000.00. In the two years there have been removed by death 51 retired ministers, 10 disabled ministers, 27 widows; 2 widows have remarried; and 36 children have reached the age of 16. During the same period there have been added 45 retired ministers, 20 disabled ministers, 65 widows and 16 children. A detailed account of those now on the roll and the amounts received by synods follows:

PENSION ROLL BY SYNODS.
August 1, 1924.

Synod	Retired Ministers	Disabled Ministers	Widows	Children	Yearly Pension	Yearly Relief
Alleghany	7	....	10	....	$4,100	$750
California	3	2	6	1	2,750	80
Canada	5	1	6	2	3,100	.....
Cen. Canada	....	....	1	2	300	.....
East Pa.	8	2	31	2	9,300	800
Georgia	2	1	5	7	2,250	600
German Neb.	6	....	10	12	4,400	150
Illinois	7	....	12*	....	4,500	400
Indiana	1	....	5	....	1,300	80
Iowa	2	....	2	2	1,100	70
Kansas	4	....	10	....	3,200	180
Manitoba	2	6	2	1	2,850	.....
Maryland	8	....	21	2	6,700	290
Michigan	4	....	8	....	2,800	.....
Mississippi	1	....	....	....	300	.....
Nebraska	2	1	5	....	1,900	.....
New York	13	1	26	2	9,500	1,360
N. Y. & N. E.	1	....	8	4	2,100	80
N. Y. Min.	9	....	23*	3	7,450	950
N. C.	6	....	24	3	6,750	690
Northwest	1	....	3†	1	1,050	80
Ohio	20	....	31	6	12,500	710
Pacific	1	....	3	1	950	.....
Pa. Min.	14	1	55	4	15,700	1,250
Pittsburgh	13	1	29	10	10,500	930
Rocky Mt.	3	....	....	....	900	200
South Car.	1	1	16	9	4,250	710
Susquehanna	7	....	12	3	4,650	380
Texas	2	....	1	....	800	150
Virginia	7	1	9	....	4,200	200
Wartburg	1	1	1	....	800	.....
West Pa.	7	1	25	5	7,650	570
West Va.	....	....	2	....	400	.....
Totals	168	20	402	82	$141,000	$11,660

* Include daughter of Minister.
† One widow receives $25.00 through special agreement.

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The campaign for $3,000,000 endowment, authorized by the Buffalo Convention, has been set by the Executive Board for 1927-1928, culminating in the tenth anniversary of the merger. The Board has been promised right of way until after its collection of pledges is completed. We feel confident of the hearty co-operation of the whole Church.

Certain changes of rules, extending the provision for children of retired and disabled ministers and guarding a little more carefully the matter of widows have been found necessary, as follows:

"The widow of an ordained clergyman of the United Lutheran Church shall be entitled to a minimum pension of $200 per annum, or two-thirds the sum granted or due her husband, provided, if her husband was retired, she had been married at least five years before her husband's retirement. In the case of widows of men who die in active service the right to pension shall be automatic, except that when the husband shall have been received from another ecclesiastical body, he shall have served at least three years in the United Lutheran Church before his wife shall be eligible to a pension. These pensions shall be in effect as long as the recipient remains a widow and in connection with the United Lutheran Church. When the circumstances are such as commend themselves to the Executive Committee, it can, by a unanimous vote, waive the special requirements. A statement concerning continued eligibility shall be required in December of each year."

"Widows shall receive in addition an allowance of $50.00 a year for each child under 16 years of age."

"Retired ministers having children under the age of 16 years shall be allowed $50.00 per annum for each child."

The following resolutions are submitted for your approval:

1. *Resolved,* that in view of the fact that pensions have been made the chief activity of the Board, the corporate title of the Board of Ministerial Relief be changed to the "Board of Ministerial Pensions and Relief of the United Lutheran Church in America."

2. *Whereas,* in accord with the action of the United Lutheran Church in Convention assembled at Buffalo, approving a campaign for $3,000,000 at such time as the Executive Board, in consultation with the Board of Ministerial Relief, should agree upon, these Boards have settled upon the years 1927-1928 as the time for such campaign, making it culminate in the tenth anniversary of the Merger,

Resolved, that the United Lutheran Church in Convention assembled, approve the time set for the Endowment Campaign of the Board of Ministerial Relief, and reaffirm the assurance that it shall have the right of way as given by the Executive Board. Be it further

Resolved, that all the authority and influence of the Church be behind said campaign, that all Boards and organizations of the Church be urged to co-operate in making it a success, and that all pastors and congregations do what they can to prepare the way during the years before the active campaign shall begin.

3. *Resolved,* that the United Lutheran Church in Convention assembled reaffirm its approval of the policy adopted by the Board of Ministerial Relief and approve the modification of the rules as recited above.

4. *Resolved,* further, that it approve the plan for co-operating committees and for their providing lay speakers who shall present the work

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of the Board before congregations, and that when such service be not requested, it be offered by the co-operating committees. And finally

5. We request, that the cause of Ministerial Relief be presented once a year by pastor or layman before every congregation in the years preceding the campaign.

It may interest the Convention to know that a number of Synods have set apart the offering of Ordination Night for Ministerial Relief and that one Synod has recommended that an offering for this purpose be taken at every installation service.

Respectfully submitted,
EDGAR GRIM MILLER, *Executive Secretary.*

TREASURER'S REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MINISTERIAL RELIEF

Balance Sheet, July 31, 1924

ASSETS:

Cash in banks and on hand		$35,909.38
Accounts Receivable—due from Sale of Real Estate		690.00
Investments:		
At Ledger Values:		
U. S. Liberty Loan Bonds	$10,104.12	
Other Bonds	132,070.00	
Stocks	300.00	
Notes Receivable	6,000.00	
Mortgages	14,200.00	
Real Estate	1,389.84	
		164,063.96
Office Furniture and Fixtures		860.00
		$201,523.34

LIABILITIES:

Annuity Bonds		$59,023.00

FUNDS:

Pension Endowment	$52,515.63	
Relief Endowment	64,579.97	
Pension General	17,546.32	
Relief Current	7,858.42	
		142,500.34
		$201,523.34

Respectfully submitted,
J. H. BRANDT, *Treasurer.*

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

for the Year ended July 31st, 1923

RECEIPTS

	Pension Endowment Fund	Pension General Fund	Relief Endowment Fund	Current Relief Fund
United Lutheran Church		$124,378.00*		
United, General and Branch Synods	$1,770.12	6,432.60		$1,254.70
Women's Missionary Society		3,750.00		1,250.00
Donations	1,109.26	9,213.99		936.55
Interest:				
On Bank Balances	87.39	117.75	$19.57	14.62
On Bills Receivable	480.00			
On Mortgages	685.96		438.30	
On Investments	2,142.81		3,147.33	
Donations Under Annuity Plan	11,900.00			
Loans		1,700.00		
Collections on Mortgages and Notes	2,650.00			
Securities Called for Redemption			7,070.00	
	$20,825.54	$145,592.34	$10,675.20	$3,455.87

DISBURSEMENTS

Pensions:			
Retired Ministers	$52,725.00		$2,691.72
Disabled Ministers	4,658.37		175.00
Widows and Mothers of Ministers	64,862.02		2,871.15
Children of Ministers	15,606.45		600.02
Special Relief	6,737.94		
Annuities	2,618.50		
Salary of Executive Secretary	3,125.04		
Salary of Office Secretary	1,270.00		
Traveling Expenses of Executive Secretary	675.75		
Expenses of Treasurer and Other Board Members	874.28		
Expenses of Property	45.37		
Printing and Stationary	2,083.30		
Office Supplies and Expenses	392.16		
Rental of Office	525.00		
Auditing	195.00		
Advertising	263.41		
Interest on Bills Payable	1.52		

*Includes July, 1923, apportionment of $10,856.24 received and deposited August 3, 1923.

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General Expenses		29.97	$2.63	2.35
Purchase of Office Furniture		56.00		
Repayment of Loans		1,700.00		
Taxes Advanced, on Property in Park Co., Mont.		118.01		
Purchase of Real Estate, Staten Island, New York			50.00	
		$158,563.09	$52.63	$6,340.24

RECONCILEMENT OF CASH

Balances, August 1, 1922	$1,737.63	$11,920.70	$5,409.94	
Receipts, as per first sheet	20,825.54	145,592.34	10,675.20	$3,455.87
	22,563.17	157,513.04	16,085.14	3,455.87
Disbursements, as per first sheet		158,563.09	52.63	6,340.24
	22,563.17	*1,050.05*	16,032.51	*2,884.37*
Transfers between Funds, as of July 31, 1923	*15,924.77*	19,704.33	*15,495.80*	11,716.24
Balances, July 31, 1923	$6,638.40	$18,654.28*	$536.71	$8,831.87*
		$34,661.26		

J. H. BRANDT, *Treasurer.*

STATEMENT OR RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

for the Year ended July 31, 1924

RECEIPTS

	Pension Endowment Fund	Pension General Fund	Relief Endowment Fund	Current Relief Fund
United Lutheran Church		$143,966.20		
United, General and Branch Synods	$2,184.10	9,734.54		$4,714.72
Women's Missionary Society		3,950.00		1,295.00
Donations	1,089.01	8,737.75	$5.00	4,401.90
Bequests	200.00		1,449.55	
Interest:				
On Bank Balances	75.76	195.47	21.43	186.46
On Bills Receivable	330.00		708.00	
On Mortgages	2,172.34		827.38	
On Investments	772.25		3,472.08	
Donations under Annuity Plan	5,150.00		5,223.00	
Loans		8,000.00		
Collections on Mortgages	3,950.00		4,300.00	
Securities Redeemed or Sold			9,990.63	
Sale of Real Estate			830.00	
	$15,923.46	$174,583.96	$26,827.07	$10,598.08

*Includes July, 1923, apportionment of $10,856.24 received and deposited August 3, 1923.

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DISBURSEMENTS

Pensions:				
Retired Ministers		$49,508.39		$4,163.41
Disabled Ministers		5,212.58		1,792.53
Widows and Mothers of Ministers		67,884.17		5,528.81
Children of Ministers		15,292.22		1,037.58
Special Relief		25.00		
Annuity Interest		2,100.10		1,520.00
Salary of Executive Secretary		3,250.08		
Salary of Office Secretary		1,250.00		
Traveling Expenses of Executive Secretary		667.67		
Expenses of Treasurer and Other Board Members		788.91		
Printing and Stationery		952.23		
Office Supplies and Expenses		1,230.86		
Rental of Office		698.50		
Auditing		200.00		
Advertising		72.75		
Interest on Loans		764.00		
General Expenses		211.56		51.01
Purchase of Office Furniture		411.26		
Purchase of Investments	$20,500.00		33,500.00	
Repayment of Loan		8,000.00		
Expenses of Acquiring Real Estate	70.83			
	$20,570.83	$158,520.28	$33,500.00	$14,093.34

RECONCILEMENT OF CASH

Balances, August 1, 1923	$6,638.40	$18,654.28	$536.71	$8,831.87
Receipts, as above	15,923.46	174,583.96	26,827.07	10,598.08
	22,561.86	193,238.24	27,363.78	19,429.95
Disbursements, as above	20,570.83	158,520.28	33,500.00	14,093.34
	1,991.03	34,717.96	*6,136.22*	5,336.61
Transfers between Funds, as of July 31, 1924	3,149.65	*12,649.65*	6,978.19	2,521.81
	$5,140.68	$22,068.31	$841.97	$7,858.42
Balance, July 31, 1924		$35,909.38		

PHILADELPHIA, August 28, 1924.

We have audited the accounts of the Board of Ministerial Relief of the United Lutheran Church in America for the two years ended July 31, 1924, and we certify that the foregoing Balance Sheet, July 31, 1924, and Receipts and Disbursements for the two years ended July 31, 1924, are in accordance with the books of account and, in our opinion, are correct.

LYBRAND, ROSS BROS. & MONTGOMERY,
Accountants and Auditors.

Figures in italic indicates deficit.

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The Executive Secretary of the Board, the Rev. Edgar Grim Miller, then addressed the Convention..

By general consent the Treasurer, Mr. J. H. Brandt, was given permission to furnish the financial statement for each of the years of the biennium ending July 31, 1924.

Messrs. M. P. Moller, P. P. Hagan, M. B. Buehler, Robbin B. Wolf, George E. Neff and J. H. Brandt addressed the Convention in the interests of the work of this Board.

The resolutions were then considered seriatim. Resolutions 1 and 2 were covered by the action of the Convention on the Executive Board's report IV, B, 9 (a) and (b).

Resolutions 3 and 4 were adopted.

Resolution 5 was amended by striking out the word "resolved" and inserting the words "we request" making the item read: "We request that the cause of Ministerial Relief be presented once a year," etc. The item was adopted as amended.

The report was adopted as a whole.

Under the head of unfinished business the Rev. George H. Schnur presented the report of the Statistical and Church Year Book Committee.

REPORT OF THE STATISTICAL AND CHURCH YEAR BOOK COMMITTEE

The Standard Parochial Blank and Assembly Sheet

The Statistical and Church Year Book Committee of the United Lutheran Church in America during the biennium 1923-24 revised the Pastor's Standard Parochial Blank twice in its effort to arrive at a minimum blank which will effectively aid the securing of accurate, uniform and standard statistics concerning the work of the congregations of the United Lutheran Church. The first revision was used during the biennium 1923-24. The second revision was printed during the summer of 1924, and will be ready for distribution to the Constituent Synods December 1, 1924, for use after January 1, 1925.

The Committee had the fullest co-operation of the Statistical Secretaries of the Constituent Synods in these revisions. In the first place, the Conference of the Statistical Secretaries held in Buffalo at the time of the Buffalo Convention of the United Lutheran Church was attended

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by representatives of twenty-two Constituent Synods. These representatives in this conference had gone over the Standard Parochial Blank then in use and had made definite recommendations for revision along the lines of reduction and standardization. The minutes of this conference were sent to all of the Statistical Secretaries of Constituent Synods, and further recommendations were secured. Largely upon these recommendations, your Statistical and Church Year Book Committee acted in the formulation of the Standard Parochial Blank which was used during the last biennium.

Among the men who attended the Buffalo Conference of Statistical Secretaries who were not Statistical Secretaries of Constituent Synods during the biennium 1923-24, were:

Ministerium of Pennsylvania..Rev. D. H. Frederick
Synod of South Carolina.....Mr. B. M. Hare, of Saluda, S. C., State Statistician of S. C.
Indiana Synod .....Rev. J. B. Gardner, Missionary Supt.
Illinois Synod .....Rev. C. J. Rockey, Secretary of Synod
Susquehanna Synod .....Rev. F. R. Greninger
Synod of West Virginia.....Rev. S. S. Adams
Synod of Nebraska.....Rev. W. I. Guss

The following Constituent Synods were represented by their Statistical Secretaries:

Ministerium of Pennsylvania
Ministerium of New York
United Synod of North Carolina
Synod of Maryland
Synod of West Pennsylvania
Synod of Virginia
East Pennsylvania Synod
Alleghany Synod
Pittsburgh Synod
Illinois Synod
Texas Synod
Synod of Central Pennsylvania
Mississippi Synod
Synod of Canada
Susquehanna Synod
Synod of California
Rocky Mountain Synod
New York and New England Synod
Synod of West Virginia

The following served as Statistical Secretaries of the Constituent Synods of the United Lutheran Church in America during the biennium 1923-24:

	1923	1924
Ministerium of Pa.	Rev. Ira. F. Frankenfield	Rev. Ira F. Frankenfield
Ministerium of N. Y.	Rev. B. Mehrtens	Rev. B. Mehrtens
United Synod of N. C.	Rev. E. H. Kohn, Ph.D.	Rev. E. H. Kohn, Ph.D.
Synod of Maryland	Rev. W. G. Minnick	Rev. W. G. Minnick
Synod of S. C.	Rev. H. S. Petrea	Rev. H. S. Petrea
Synod of West Pa.	Rev. D. S. Martin	Rev. D. S. Martin
Synod of Virginia	Mr. Harry E. Pugh	Mr. Harry E. Pugh, 105 Lancaster Road, Richmond, Va.
Synod of Ohio	Mr. Amor W. Ulrici	Mr. Amor W. Ulrici, 3747 Elsmere Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio
East Pa. Synod	Rev. J. D. Krout	Rev. J. D. Krout
Alleghany Synod	Rev. C. P. Bastian	Rev. C. P. Bastian
Pittsburgh Synod	Rev. George H. Schnur, D.D.	Rev. George H. Schnur, D.D.
Indiana Synod	Mr. H. D. C. Loemker	Mr. H. D. C. Loemker, 1257 S. Floyd Street, Louisville, Ky.

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Illinois Synod	Mr. Frederick Sachse	Mr. Frederick Sachse, 5510 Magnolia Ave., Chicago, Ill.	
Texas Synod	Rev. J. C. A. Pfenninger	Rev. F. F. Eberhardt	
*Susquehanna Synod of Central Pa.		Rev. C. S. Bottiger	
Mississippi Synod	Rev. M. D. Huddle	Rev. M. D. Huddle	
Synod of Iowa	Rev. L. H. Lesher	Rev. L. H. Lesher	
Michigan Synod	Rev. L. F. Gunderman	Rev. L. F. Gunderman	
Synod of Georgia	Rev. W. P. Cline, Jr.	Rev. H. E. Henning	
Synod of Canada	Rev. O. Stockmann	Rev. O. Stockmann	
Synod of Kansas	Rev. R. J. Wolf	Rev. R. J. Wolf	
Synod of Nebraska	Rev. George Dorn	Rev. George Dorn	
Wartburg Synod	Rev. F. W. Schneider	Rev. F. W. Schneider	
German Nebraska Synod	Rev. F. Rabe	Rev. F. Rabe	
Synod of California	Rev. J. E. Hoick	Rev. J. E. Hoick	
Rocky Mountain Synod	Rev. H. I. Kohler	Rev. M. F. Troxell, D.D.	
Synod of the Northwest	Rev. L. F. Gruber, D.D.	Rev. L. F. Gruber, D.D.	
Manitoba Synod	Rev. E. Tuerkheim	Rev. E. Tuerkheim	
Pacific Synod	Rev. W. R. Kraxberger	Rev. W. I. Eck	
N. Y. and N. E. Synod	Rev. E. M. Grahn	Rev. E. M. Grahn	
Nova Scotia Synod	Rev. S. W. Hirtle	Rev. A. G. Jacobi	
Synod of New York	Rev. W. G. Boomhower	Rev. W. G. Boomhower	
Central Canada Synod	Rev. A. C. E. Grotke	Rev. A. C. E. Grotke	
Synod of West Va.	Rev. C. E. Butler	Rev. C. E. Butler	
Slovak "Zion" Synod	Rev. John M. Bellan	Rev. George Roh	
*Synod of Central Pa.	Rev. J. F. Harkins	Rev. J. F. Harkins (up until May 1, 1924)	
Susquehanna Synod	Rev. C. S. Bottiger	Rev. C. S. Bottiger (up until May 1, 1924)	

Before making the second revision of the Standard Parochial Blank which is to be used beginning 1925, your Committee secured further recommendations of all of the Statistical Secretaries of the Constituent Synods. The new blank had been in use for one year. Further changes and corrections were found advisable. The recommendations of the Statistical Secretaries of the Constituent Synods were again considered by the Committee in the preparation of the new Standard Parochial Blank, which your Committee believes now conforms to the ideas of the Statistical Secretaries of the Constituent Synods, and will prove satisfactory and effective in the gathering of minimum, correct, and standard statistics of the congregations of the United Lutheran Church. Your Committee have therefore authorized the printing of three years' supply of blanks which will make it possible for each succeeding Statistical and Church Year Book Committee to consider the blank at their first meeting in the biennium, and if any corrections are found necessary, to incorporate these corrections for the second year of the biennium.

The Standard Assembly Sheet used by the Statistical Secretaries of the Constituent Synods in assembling the statistics of the congregations was revised and numbered according to the rubrics of the Standard Parochial Blank, and at the same time, proportionate spaces for the various rubrics were arranged. At the beginning of the biennium a supply of blanks sufficient for a period of five years was printed.

The Committee

Your Committee held two meetings during the biennium. Both were held in the office of the United Lutheran Church in America, 437 Fifth

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Avenue, New York, N. Y., the first, January 24, 1923, and the second, May 5, 1924. The following members of the Committee attended both meetings: Dr. George H. Schnur, Dr. M. G. G. Scherer, Rev. C. W. Cassell, Dr. M. G. L. Reitz, and Rev. G. L. Kieffer. Rev. W. M. Kopenhaver attended the first meeting. Rev. J. D. Krout attended the second meeting. The other member of the Committee, Mr. George Hemsing, Milwaukee, Wis., was unable to attend either of the meetings.

At the first meeting, Dr. George H. Schnur was elected Chairman of the Committee, and Rev. G. L. Kieffer was elected Secretary-Treasurer. Rev. W. M. Kopenhaver was unanimously nominated as editor of the "*United Lutheran Church Year Book*," and the nomination was forwarded to the United Lutheran Publication House.

Helping the Statistical Secretaries

During the biennium, the following information was sent to the Statistical Secretaries of the Constituent Synods: A letter calling their attention to the recommendations as found on pages 335-6 of the Buffalo Minutes; the Minutes of the two Statistical Committee meetings; the Minutes of the Statistical Conference held at the time of the Buffalo Convention; a copy of the Minutes of the Pittsburgh Synod as a sample of how to print the congregational parochial statistics 41 lines to the page; a copy of the Synodical Bulletin of the Indiana Synod containing statistical information for the congregations of the Indiana Synod; a copy of Rev. D. H. Frederick's release on "A Salary Survey of the Wilkes-Barre Conference of the Pennsylvania Ministerium, 1923;" a tabulation showing the ending of the fiscal years of the Constituent Synods; a sheet of instructions concerning the gathering of uniform statistics, especially where the returns have missing rubrics concerning "Membership" and "Church Property," and the clarion call concerning "Confirmed Membership."

Progress in Uniformity and Standardization

The 1923 Minutes of the 36 Constituent Synods of the United Lutheran Church show the following progress having been made in uniformity in printing the Minutes and in printing the parochial statistics:

All but 12 Synods had 41 lines on their page; all but 14 Synods made comparisons of totals; only 1 Synod did not give totals; only 1 Synod used four pages instead of two to place the rubric headings of the parochial statistics; only 1 Synod used three pages instead of two; all but 10 Synods printed the Minutes correctly lengthwise across the page, five of the ten printed the rubric headings across the width of the page, and five printed the parochial statistics on separate sheets. This last is entirely inexcusable in view of the great possibility of losing these separate sheets and thus to that extent making the Minutes valueless. As to the printing and arranging of the parochial statistics, the rest conform

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to the standard. It is to be hoped that all will conform before the end of another biennium.

As to the size of the Minutes, the standard remains the same, 6x9 inches. Of the 36 Synods, 30 conform, 5 printed their Minutes in smaller form, and one Synod does not have printed minutes.

WORK OF THE COMMITTEE AND OF THE STATISTICAL SECRETARY

1. *The Tools Used by the Statistical Secretaries*

The tools used by the Statistical Secretaries of the Constituent Synods are the Pastor's Standard Parochial Blank and the Standard Assembly Sheet. Without the Pastor's Standard Parochial Blank, the Statistical Secretaries could not gather the congregational statistics. Without the Standard Assembly Sheet, the Statistical Secretaries could not assemble the statistics and report totals for their Synod to the Statistical Secretary of the United Lutheran Church. And, wihout the Assembly Sheet, the Statistical Secretary of the United Lutheran Church could not report the totals and make the comparisons of the parochial statistics of the United Lutheran Church in America. This may seem trite, and you may say obvious. Nevertheless, it shows the importance of the tools.

Your Committee made a survey as to the needs of the Statistical Secretaries of the Constituent Synods in regard to these tools, and during the biennium supplied them with 17,310 Standard Parochial Blanks, and 825 Standard Assembly Sheets.

2. *The United Lutheran Church Year Book*

The "Year Book of the United Lutheran Church" for 1923 and 1924 were issued during the biennium. They were edited by a member of the Committee, Rev. W. M. Kopenhaver.

The Statistical Secretary of the United Lutheran Church supplied the following to the editor, for inclusion in the year books: the Parochial Statistics of the United Lutheran Church in United States and Canada for 1922 and 1923; the Parochial Statistics of the United Lutheran Church outside the United States and Canada for 1922 and 1923; the Comparative Parochial Statistics of the United Lutheran Church; Dr. H. K. Carroll's statistics on Religious Denominations, as printed in the "Christian Herald" in 1923 and 1924; the Parochial Statistics of the Lutherans in United States and Canada for 1922 and 1923; the Comparative Parochial Statistics of the Lutherans in America as of January 1, 1922 and January 1, 1923; corrections for the Ministerial Directory; names of officers of the Constituent Synods; the Necrology table; statistics of all the Educational and Inner Mission institutions, both of the United Lutheran Church and other Lutheran bodies for the years 1923 and 1924.

3. *Releases Through the National Lutheran Council*

The Statistical Secretary supplied the United Lutheran Church statistics to the National Lutheran Council, for their releases to: Dr. H. K.

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Carroll, for his article, "Religious Denominations in the United States," as published in the "Christian Herald" for 1923 and 1924; Dr. E. O. Watson, for the "Year Book of the Churches" for the years 1923 and 1924; Dr. C. L. Goodell, of the Commission on Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches, the accession statistics; Dr. H. S. Myers, of the United Stewardship Council, the per capita contribution statistics; the Home Missions Council, the Home Missions statistics; and, for other releases made by the National Lutheran Council.

4. *Incomplete Parochial Statistical Reports*

Your Committee are glad to note the steady improvement in the completeness and the uniform conformity to the Standard Parochial Blank as indicated by the congregational statistical reports as they appear in the Minutes of the Constituent Synods during the biennium 1922-23. There are still, however, many blank spaces that are to be regretted and prove one or more of several things—incomplete parish records, undervaluation by the pastors of the importance of making complete parochial reports to the Constituent Synods, or downright carelessness or indifference of the pastors in filling out the Standard Parochial Blank. That this information is important and of value to the United Lutheran Church, and to the Lutheran Church at large, hardly needs to be argued here. Full co-operation of all of the pastors should be had and is to be expected at all times in the filling out of the Standard Parochial Blank. The Statistical Secretaries of the Constituent Synods as good advocates for the Constituent Synods, and indirectly for the United Lutheran Church and the Lutheran Church at large, will use every means to have as few blank spaces appear in their assembly sheets for each congregation as is humanly possible.

Your Commitee have thought this matter of enough importance to instruct the Secretary of the Committee to call the attention of the Presidents of the Constituent Synods to any incomplete statistical reports that may appear in the printed Minutes of the Constituent Synods. The Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church have thought it of enough importance to authorize the Statistical Secretary to complete incomplete reports that may reach him by estimation if necessary, in order that the standing and position of the United Lutheran Church and the Lutheran Church at large may not be lost as a consequence of incomplete reports supplied by pastors. The statistician of the National Lutheran Council called special attention to the danger of the Lutheran Church in United States losing its position as the third largest Protestant Church in the United States, largely as the result of incomplete parochial reports supplied by the pastors. This subject, therefore, is vital and requires the earnest consideration of every pastor in the United Lutheran Church.

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5. *Juggling the "Confirmed Membership"*

Your Committee regrets to note that in the case of some congregations there seems to be a conscious adjusting of the "Confirmed Membership" by somebody so as to avoid something, be it apportionment, or the more refined term, quota, or whatever the term may be in the Constituent Synod. There has come to the attention of your Committee, an instance where after the total of "Confirmed Membership" was honestly arrived at, in some way or other 600 members were automatically not reported. In another instance, a Constituent Synod carried upon the cover page of the printed Minutes, the definition of "Confirmed Members" as "all the confirmed members, (1) who have used the Means of Grace, and (2) who have contributed to Church expenses." This is a new definition. We will now compare it with the definition as found on the Standard Parochial Bank, No. 7, under Notes to Pastors, "The confirmed membership includes all who have been admitted to communion, and who have not been removed by certificate, death or excommunication." In view of this attitude on the part of some of the members of the United Lutheran Church, and a second consideration which we now present, your Committee raises the question as to the advisability of the United Lutheran Church using the "Confirmed Membership" as a part of the basis for arriving at the apportionment or quota. The second consideration is the fact that the "Confirmed Membership" with the definition "the right to commune," is the rubric which corresponds to the rubric "Communicant Members" used by the denominations in arriving at comparative religious statistics. If the Lutherans in America lose their place as the third largest Protestant Church in the United States, one of the chief reasons for it will be the juggling of the "Confirmed Membership" in order to avoid congregational financial responsibility.

No one will deny the fact that the "Confirmed Membership" as reported by the congregations, Synods, and even the United Lutheran Church, in no wise represents the total "Confirmed Membership" which has the "right to go to communion" in the congregations of the Constituent Synods of the United Lutheran Church. A comparison with the "Accessions" and "Losses" (see the table of comparison for 1923, and the years from 1919 to 1923 as printed in this Bulletin) will easily prove that the actual gains in "Confirmed Membership" are not included in the rubric "Confirmed Membership" as reported. This whole matter was gone into in the report to the Buffalo Convention under "Summary," page 334 following. The "Accessions" reported by the congregations to the "Lutheran" are evidently in many instances absorbed by losses in some way or other, when the "Confirmed Membership" rubric is arrived at. Let it not be forgotten by anyone who would juggle, that there are statistical rules that enable a Statistical Secretary to tell in an in-

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stant whether the "Confirmed Membership" of a congregation as reported is what it should be under normal conditions. Of course abnormal conditions do exist some times, and there are always exceptions to the rule. But the exceptions dare not be permitted to become the rule.

Perhaps if the "Communing Membership" rubric were used, being related as it is to the use of one of the Means of Grace (the Sacrament of the Altar), in arriving at the apportionment, there would be less juggling and honesty would become more the policy of all concerned. Your Committee, therefore, has a recommendation to submit for this for the consideration of the Convention. It follows this report.

6. *Statistics Supplied to the Treasurer of the United Lutheran Church*

The Treasurer of the United Lutheran Church depends upon your Committee for accurate and up-to-date statistics concerning "Confirmed Membership" and "Current Expenses" totals for the Constituent Synods of the United Lutheran Church in America. The Statistical Secretary supplied the Treasurer, Dr. E. Clarence Miller, with two tables, one for 1922 and one for 1923, showing the "Confirmed Membership" total and the "Current Expenses" total for each of the Constituent Synods of the United Lutheran Church, as well as the grand total for the United Lutheran Church in United States and Canada.

7. *End of the Fiscal Years*

A survey was made during this biennium concerning the ending of the fiscal years of the Constituent Synods. The result is as follows: Five Synods end their fiscal years April 30th; three May 1st; one June 15th; one August 15th; one September 1st; one September 15th; eleven September 30th; one October 31st, and eleven December 31st.

This information was reported to the Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church.

8. *State of the Church Blank*

A survey was made of the blanks used by the different Constituent Synods for reporting facts concerning the state of the church. The results were tabulated and compared with the Standard Parochial Blank so as to avoid all duplication. With the help of Rev. E. Victor Ehrhart, of 46 Foster Street, New Haven, Conn., the efficient chairman of the Committee on the State of the Church of the Synod of New York, the Committee is able to report on the basis of its survey, the following as a model blank for use of the Committees on the State of the Church in the Constituent Synods of the United Lutheran Church.

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STANDARD BLANK
STATE OF THE CHURCH
For the use of Congregations of
THE UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

Name of Congregation.....
Location or address .....
Synodical .....
Non-Synodical ..... Conference.....
Pastor ..... Address.....

This blank is instituted to gather such facts relative to each congregation as do not appear in the parochial reports, in order that this Committee may make a survey of the spiritual conditions as well as of the parochial and financial conditions. Please answer *all* questions accurately, avoiding round numbers.

Three copies are sent, one for the work of the Committee; one to be placed in the archives of your church—to note progress in future years; and, one is to be handed to the lay delegate to the meeting of the convention of the Constituent Synod.

Public Worship

Is average attendance increasing, stationary or decreasing?.....
How many services do you hold on a Sunday?..... When?.....
What is your average attendance, Matin?.... the Service.... Vesper ....
What proportion of your confirmed membership are men?.....
What is the nature of your evening service?.....
Do you hold a mid-week service?..... Give average attendance.....
Have you difficulty in keeping the young people from drifting?.....
What solution can you offer?.....
Is Family Worship observed extensively in your church?.....
Percentage of families.....
What languages are used in your services?.....
Do you use the Common Service?.....
If not, why not?.....

Festival Seasons

What Festival days of the church year do you observe?.....
.....
Do you stress and observe Lent and Holy Week?.....
State the objective of the Lenten Period this year.....

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Lutheran Practice

How many Communion Seasons do you observe? ..... When? .....
.....
Do you hold separate Preparatory Services?..... When?.....
Do you instruct non-Lutherans before receiving into the church?.....
How do you receive them?.....
Do you plan for a two years' course in catechetical instruction?.....

Sunday School

Do you use Lutheran Literature throughout the Sunday School?.....
State number of Adult Bible classes..... Enrollment.....
What proportion of the Sunday school attend public worship?.....
Do you use the small duplex envelope in the Sunday school?.....
How many councilmen are members of the Sunday school?.....
What part does the pastor take in the work of the Sunday school?
.....
How many Sunday school scholars were received into the church this year by baptism?.....
How many Sunday school scholars were confirmed?.....
What proportion of the Sunday school are non-members, or children of non-members? .....
How many baptized members of your congregation attend other Sunday schools? .....

Church Societies

Are any of your Young Peoples Societies entirely social in character?
.....
Which ones?.....
What is the membership of your Brotherhood?..... Is it affiliated?.....
With what? .....
Do you consider it a successful organization?.....
Is any organization connected with your congregation that does not exist for the church first?.....

Church Finances

What methods do you use to raise money for current expenses and benevolences? .....
Do you use the Duplex Envelopes?.....

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Do your contributions from this source meet current expenses?.....
Did you conduct a thorough Every Member Canvass this year?.....
Name any direct benefits derived from this canvass.....
Give the number of actual contributors for Current Expenses.....
For Benevolence .....
Have you a separate Benevolence Treasurer?.....
If not, give the reason.....
Is Benevolence money remitted to Synod monthly?.....
If not, why not?.....
State the amount of the pastor's salary?.....
If you have no parsonage, state amount of congregational assistance in paying rent .....
Does the congregation pay for the telephone and office supplies of the pastor? .....
Does the congregation furnish an automobile?.....
Is the pastor's salary paid regularly?.....
If NOT MET, what excuse does the Council and congregation give for failure to meet their Benevolence Quota?.....
Give amount of cost of improvements for the year.....
Does this amount add to the valuation of your property?.....
What does the congregation budget for the Teaching Work of the congregation? .....
Amount for Sunday School.....Amount for Week-Day School.....
Amount for Vacation Bible School.....

Church Records

How is provision made for the preservation of church records? (safe, etc.) .....
Are your records in good order?.....
Do they cover the history of the church?.....

Miscellaneous

How many churches in your Parish?.....
Name them .....
State which are Missions and the amount of aid each receives.....
.....
Is your church property adequately insured?..... Just what proportion of the valuation is the total amount of insurance carried?.....
What is the general condition of the property?.....
What neighborhood Home Mission work is your congregation doing or assisting? .....
How many neighborhood Sunday schools are conducted by members of your congregation? .....

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What Inner Mission Work is your congregation doing or assisting?
Have you a Parish house?..... State benefits, or otherwise.....

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State the number of leaders in your church, Male..... Female.....
Do you issue a weekly bulletin or parish paper?.....
(If possible submit a sample of the same).
Is your work becoming more or less difficult? (State which, and reasons apparent) .....

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Add any other information of interest to the church at large in this space.

Signed .....
Pastor

.....
Secretary of Congregation

Date .....

The resolution concerning this blank is herewith appended.

9. *Are More Men Needed for the Ministry*

During 1924, a survey was made of the Constituent Synods of the United Lutheran Church to ascertain the number of ministers on the roll of the Synod, the number of pastors in active charge of a congregation or mission, the number of parishes, the number of congregations that are synodical, and, the number of congregations that are non-synodical. The following is the result:

STATISTICS CONCERNING PASTORS, PARISHES AND CONGREGATIONS OF THE CONSTITUENT SYNODS OF THE UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

Name of Synod	No. of Ministers on the roll	No. of Pastors in Active Charge of Congregations or Missions	No. of Parishes in the Synod	Congregations Synodical	Congregations Non-Synodical
Ministerium of Pa.....	425	350	354	570	4
Ministerium of N. Y.....	145	125	134	130	13
United Synod of N. C.....	110	91	87	193	...
Synod of Maryland.....	123	91	103	139	2
Synod of S. C.....	58	45	54	109	...
Synod of West Pa.....	112	79	89	158	...
Synod of Virginia.....	79	52	67	148	...

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Name of Synod	No. of Ministers on the roll	No. of Pastors in Active Charge of Congregations or Missions	No. of Parishes in the Synod	Congregations Synodical	Congregations Non-Synodical
Synod of Ohio	221	192	191	287	...
East Pa. Synod	144	111	120	156	...
Alleghany Synod	81	66	71	149	...
Pittsburgh Synod	260	205	217	307	10
Indiana Synod	53	38	36	72	5
Illinois Synod	130	99	102	135	1
Texas Synod	15	13	14	18	5
Synod of Central Pa.	35	32	34	87	...
Mississippi Synod	8	4	5	14	...
Synod of Iowa	29	23	28	29	...
Michigan Synod	61	45	54	85	...
Synod of Georgia	16	16	23	35	...
Synod of Canada	46	40	44	68	7
Susquehanna Synod	47	41	47	79	...
Synod of Kansas	46	30	35	41	...
Synod of Nebraska	44	38	49	57	...
Wartburg Synod	49	48	51	25	26
German Nebraska Synod	84	73	112	67	55
Synod of California	55	31	35	34	1
Rocky Mountain Synod	19	12	18	14	4
Synod of the Northwest	77	61	65	73	...
Manitoba Synod	35	29	31	58	...
Pacific Synod	31	23	26	27	2
N. Y. and N. E. Synod	79	67	68	71	...
Nova Scotia Synod	6	5	8	29	...
Synod of New York	144	111	156	150	6
Central Canada Synod	15	12	12	15	2
Synod of West Va.	14	14	22	36	...
Slovak Zion Synod	23	23	28	16	18
U. L. C. in A. Total	2,919	2,335	2,590	3,681	161

In 1919 there were 314 vacant congregations in the Constituent Synods of the United Lutheran Church, and in 1923 there were 450 vacant congregations. A study of the following two tables compiled from the Minutes for those years will show the character of the vacant congregations.

VACANT CONGREGATIONS—1919

Synod	No. of Vacant Congregations	Confirmed Membership 10 or less	11-50	51-100	101-250	251-500	501-1000
Ministerium of Pa.	32	..	6	6	13	5	2
Ministerium of N. Y.	1	1	...	..	..	..	..
North Carolina	8	2	...	2	4	..	..
Tennessee	6	..	3	1	2	..	..
Maryland	9	..	3	1	2	1	2
South Carolina	7	1	3	2	1	..	..
West Pa.	8	..	1	..	6	1	..

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Synod	No. of Vacant Congregations	10 or less	Confirmed Membership 11-50	51-100	101-250	251-500	501-1000
Synod of Virginia	4	2	2	..	..	..	..
East Ohio	8	4	...	2	2	..	..
East Pa.	18	..	3	6	5	..	4
Alleghany	10	1	5	1	2	1	..
Southwestern Va.	11	..	5	5	1	..	..
Miami	10	..	...	3	6	1	..
Pittsburgh G. C.	8	..	2	2	..	2	2
Pittsburgh G. S.	19	1	8	2	7	..	1
Wittenberg	7	..	3	4	..	..	..
Olive Branch	8	1	2	3	..	..	2
Northern Ill.	11	2	2	1	4	1	1
Central Pa.	...	..	...	..	..	..	..
Northern Ind.	10	1	7	2	..	..	..
Iowa	1	..	1	..	..	..	..
Mississippi	1	..	...	..	1	..	..
District Synod of Ohio	6	2	...	2	2	..	..
Georgia and Adjacent States.	7	..	3	2	2	..	..
Holston	...	..	...	..	..	..	..
Southern Ill.	2	..	...	2	..	..	..
Canada	3	..	2	1	..	..	..
Central Ill.	6	..	3	2	1	..	..
Susquehanna	4	..	1	2	1	..	..
Kansas	11	..	4	3	3	1	..
Nebraska	8	1	2	4	1	..	..
Chicago	11	..	7	2	1	..	1
Wartburg	1	1	...	..	..	..	..
German Neb.	3	1	2	..	..	..	..
California	6	..	3	2	1	..	..
Rocky Mountain	4	..	2	1	1	..	..
Manitoba	...	..	...	..	..	..	..
Northwest	4	..	2	2	..	..	..
Pacific	3	..	2	1	..	..	..
N. Y. and N. Eng.	...	..	...	..	..	..	..
Nova Scotia	1	..	1	..	..	..	..
Texas	...	..	...	..	..	..	..
New York	28	1	10	3	12	1	1
Central Canada	3	2	1	..	..	..	..
West Va.	6	5	1	..	..	..	..
Slovak "Zion"	...	..	...	..	..	..	..
U. L. C. in A. Total....	314	29	102	72	81	14	16

VACANT CONGREGATIONS—1923

Ministerium of Pa.	43	1	4	8	22	8	..
Ministerium of N. Y.	4	2	...	1	1	..	..
United Synod of N. C.	16	3	5	2	4	2	..
Synod of Maryland	9	1	2	3	1	1	1
Synod of S. C.	18	..	6	1	8	3	..
Synod of West Pa.	18	..	4	6	5	3	..
Synod of Virginia	41	3	20	9	9	..	..
Synod of Ohio	47	..	20	14	8	4	1

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Synod	No. of Congregations	Vacant	10 or less	Confirmed Membership 11-50	51-100	101-250	251-500	501-1000
East Pa. Synod	15	..	3	5	5	1	1
Alleghany Synod	26	..	11	5	9	1	..
Pittsburgh Synod	29	2	12	5	10	..	..
Indiana Synod	14	..	8	3	3	..	..
Illinois Synod	27	8	9	5	5	..	..
Texas Synod	...	..	...	..	..	..	..
Synod of Central Pa.	10	..	5	3	2	..	..
Mississippi Synod	...	..	...	..	..	..	..
Synod of Iowa	4	..	2	2	..	..	..
Michigan Synod	12	2	8	..	1	1	..
Synod of Georgia	16	1	8	4	3	..	..
Synod of Canada	7	..	1	1	2	2	1
Susquehanna Synod	12	..	4	4	2	1	1
Synod of Kansas	4	1	1	1	1	..	..
Synod of Nebraska	13	..	4	4	5	..	..
Wartburg Synod	3	2	...	..	1	..	..
German Nebraska Synod	8	7	1	..	..	..	..
Synod of California	2	..	1	..	1	..	..
Rocky Mountain Synod	5	..	4	1	..	..	..
Synod of the Northwest	...	..	...	..	..	..	..
Manitoba Synod	...	..	...	..	..	..	..
Pacific Synod	1	..	1	..	..	..	..
N. Y. and N. E. Synod	3	1	...	..	..	2	..
Nova Scotia Synod	1	...	...	..	..	1	..
Synod of New York	23	3	8	6	3	2	1
Central Canada Synod	4	..	1	1	2	..	..
Synod of West Va.	14	5	4	1	4	..	..
Slovak "Zion" Synod	1	..	...	1	..	..	..
U. L. C. in A. Total	450	42	157	96	117	32	6

Along with these surveys, the following facts will help to show the relationship of the number of ministers and the number of congregations of the United Lutheran Church, and the need of more men for the ministry.

In 1919 there were 3,473 congregations in the United Lutheran Church. In 1924, there were 3,842 congregations, an increase of 369.

In 1919, there were 2,843 ministers on the rolls of the Synods. In 1924, there were 2,919, a gain of 76 ministers.

A survey of the number of active pastors not having been made in 1919, we cannot make the comparison here. This is likewise true of the number of parishes. But this can be said that in 1919 there were 1.2215 plus, and in 1924, 1.3162 plus congregations for every minister on the rolls of the Constituent Synods of the United Lutheran Church. Or expressing it in another way, the ratio of the number of ministers to the number of congregations—in 1919 there was .818 plus, and in 1924, .759 plus part of a minister for every congregation.

Since 1919, 286 ministers that were on the rolls of the Constituent

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Synods of the United Lutheran Church have died. According to the "*United Lutheran Church Year Book for* 1924," there are 69 retired ministers, 11 pastors emeritus in the United Lutheran Church, and 34 professors teaching in the educational institutions who are without congregations. Comparatively speaking, the survey shows there are 584 Lutheran ministers on the rolls of the Constituent Synods of the United Lutheran Church who are not pastors in active charge of congregations or missions. There are 255 more parishes than active pastors. There are 1,507 more congregations in the United Lutheran Church than there are active pastors. It further shows that there are 329 more Lutheran ministers than there are parishes, but these 329 include the retired ministers, the pastors emeritus, the professors teaching in the educational institution, officers, the secretaries of boards, societies, organizations, officers of Constituent Synods etc., who are without congregations.

A special questionnaire was sent to the theological seminaries of the United Lutheran Church, and the following table of graduates for the years 1919 to 1924 inclusive, showing a total of 482 graduates gives an idea as to how the demand for ministers and active pastors is being met by the supply.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY GRADUATES FOR THE YEARS 1919-1924

Seminary	Graduates 1919	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924	Tot.
Hartwick Sem., N. Y., Hartwick	3	2	2	2	3	2	14
Gettysburg, Pa., Theol. Sem. of G. S.	14	15	11	15	15	15	85
Columbia, S. C., Southern	8	6	7	7	5	0	33
Springfield, Ohio, Hamma Divinity	13	6	8	13	9	10	59
Selinsgrove, Pa., Theol Sem., Susquehanna Univ.	5	3	6	8	6	9	37
Philadelphia, Pa., Mt. Airy	10	19	24	27	19	23	122
Fremont, Neb., Western	5	6	2	2	2	4	21
Maywood, Ill., Theol. Sem.	10	10	4	7	5	10	46
Waterloo, Ont., Can., Theol. Sem.	2	2	6	1	4	3	18
Seattle Wash., Pacific	..	1	..	2	4	1	8
Saskatoon, Sask., Can., Saskatoon	..	..	..	..	..	2	2
Lincoln, Neb., Martin Luther	2	5	..	2	2	5	16
Minneapolis Minn., Northwestern	..	..	..	8	6	7	21
Total U. L. C. in A.	72	75	70	94	80	91	482

Adding the number of new congregations organized since 1919, 369, to the number of pastors who died, 286, the total is 655. New congregations need a pastor, and preachers who die have to be replaced. The necessary replacement figure for the years 1919-1924 for new congregations and preachers who died, totals 655. During this time the Lutheran Theological Seminaries of the United Lutheran Church graduated 482.

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10. *United States Religious Census*

Your Committee during the biennium have had under consideration, the recommendations to the United States Census Bureau, as printed on page 333 of the Buffalo Convention Minutes. Nothing new can be reported at this time. This matter is of vital importance to the United Lutheran Church and to the congregations of the United Lutheran Church in view of the proposed United States Religious Census in 1926, and the regular census in 1930. Your Committee have noted that the Roman Catholic publications are carrying on a consistent campaign on the necessity of more accurate statistics concerning the Roman Catholic Church as reported by the United States Government, and are openly advocating a census of the Roman Catholics in America. Our Lutheran Church can hardly consistently afford to ask for less. A recommendation is submitted with this report.

11. *A Statistical Year Book of the United Lutheran Church*

The possibility and desirability of the publication of a statistical year book which would give statistical information not now included in the *"Year Book of the United Lutheran Church,"* was considered by your Committee, and was referred to a Committee. This Committee has as yet not met, and there is therefore, no recommendation to be made at this time.

The one distinct gain such a statistical year book would provide would be the listing of the congregations of all of the Constituent Synods in a single volume, together with rubrics on membership, education, ministerial acts, property, and finances. This information at the present time is only to be found in the separate Minutes of the Constituent Synods of the United Lutheran Church in America.

12. *The Statistical Secretary and the Theological Seminaries of the United Lutheran Church in America*

Your Committee have had under consideration for some time, the question as to how the importance of full and accurate parochial statistics could be brought home to the pastors. The Committee believes that once the pastors fully understand the need, the value, and the importance of full and accurate parochial statistics, they will see that such are supplied for their congregations. To this end, the Committee has desired the Statistical Secretary to visit the theological seminaries of the United Lutheran Church, to speak upon the subject of United Lutheran Church Parochial Statistics and the Lutheran Statistics in general and the relation of the pastor and congregation thereto. Such visitation was recommended by the Buffalo Conference of Statistical Secretaries.

To date this recommendation has not been carried out largely due to the fact that the Statistical Secretary met with a serious accident in an elevator, May 1, 1923. This accident made extended travel by

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he Statistical Secretary practically impossible. It is to be hoped that vhile in the West in attendance at the United Lutheran Church Con-'ention, the theological seminaries in Springfield, Ohio, Chicago, Minne-ıpolis, Fremont, Lincoln, and Waterloo, Canada, can be visited by the Statistical Secretary and the seminaries in Gettysburg, Selinsgrove, Mt. Airy, Hartwick, and Columbia, during the month of December.

13. *A Four-Page Folder for the Pastors*

Your Committee have had under consideration the preparation of a four-page folder, showing the importance of parochial statistics, and parish records. It is the purpose of your Committee to release this folder through the Statistical Secretaries of the Constituent Synods. This folder has been delayed, in the first place, because the Pastor's Standard Parochial Blank was in the process of formulation and in the period of being tried out; and, in the second place, because the parish records, kind and character, are even now the subject of discussion. It is to be hoped that it will be possible to release this folder so that the Statistical Secretaries can enclose it, with the Pastor's Standard Parochial Blanks during 1926.

14. *Complete and Uniform Systems for Parish Records and Congregational Activities*

The Buffalo Convention of the United Lutheran Church, when they received the report of the Committee on Proceedings of Constituent Synods, adopted the following recommendation:

"That the Statistical and Church Year Book Committee be instructed to prepare complete and uniform systems for Parish Records and congregational activities to facilitate the keeping and the reporting of adequate and accurate congregational statistics."

By this action of the Buffalo Convention, this work was definitely put in the hands of your Committee, paralleling it with the recommendation of the Statistical Conference held at the time of the Buffalo Convention as follows:

"That we recommend to the Statistical and Church Year Book Committee that they prepare a uniform system for use in keeping of parish records."

Ever since your Committee has been at work standardizing parochial statistics, it has been evident to your Committee that the crux of success lies finally in complete and uniform systems for parish records and congregational activities. Without these the pastor will always have difficulty in filling out any kind of a statistical blank for he will not have the information necessary, and it will be necessary to blame something or somebody. But with complete and uniform systems for parish records and congregational activities before him, it will be very simple to fill out

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any kind of a blank, be it ever so complicated, and the pastor, the congregation, church council, trustees, etc., will annually have a truer conception of the actual status of the life of the congregation.

Your Committee have considered and surveyed many of the parish record systems now in use, and as yet are unable to recommend complete and uniform systems for parish records and congregational activities for use in the congregations of the United Lutheran Church. The best that your Committee can say at present is the following: We have examined the Standard System designed by Mr. C. H. Weller, and find it the most complete system of keeping church records that we have seen, and believe that if our Synods and congregations can be induced to adopt it, it would give us a great amount of invaluable information in regard to the individual members of our congregations, and would, at the same time, conserve the membership of our churches. But it must be said that this system is far from complete and needs additions and revisions in parts to conform to the rubrics of the Standard Parochial Blank of the United Lutheran Church. All that we can say is, that it is the best that we have seen. It should also be said that it is a loose-leaf system, and in many of the States, no doubt, a bound congregational record would have to be kept together with this system to meet legal requirements.

Your Committee is still at work, and hopes, during the next biennium, to prepare complete and uniform systems for parish records and congregational activities for the United Lutheran Church. The Committee is glad for the co-operation of the Board of Publication, who have put to work the chairman of the Committee surveying their parish record systems. His findings, of course, will be at the service of the Committee. The survey that the Committee has made thus far will be presented to the Conference of the Statistical Secretaries at their meeting in Chicago, for the consideration of the Statistical Secretaries and their recommendations to the Statistical and Church Year Book Committee of the United Lutheran Church.

15. *Blanks for Assembling the Reports for Organizations, Societies, and Congregational Activities Within the Congregation*

One of the difficulties every pastor finds when he goes to fill out the Standard Parochial Blank is that it is necessary to have before him, not only the record of his ministerial acts, but also the reports for all of the organizations, societies, and congregational activities carried on by the congregation in order that his report as submitted on the Standard Parochial Blank may represent a full congregational report. Your Committee has, therefore, worked on the preparation of possible blanks which every pastor can use in gathering (1) the reports of the Church Schools—Sunday Schools, Weekday Schools, Parochial Schools; (2) the reports of the organizations and societies, such as, Luther League, Ladies' Aid, Women's Missionary Society, Brotherhood, and Young People's Societies of what-

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ever name; and (3) the Church Council report. Your Statistical Secretary has tried out such blanks for the gathering of the statistics for Christ Lutheran Church, Rosedale, L. I. He has used such blanks for the past three years and has made the evident necessary revisions each year. Your Committee will now submit these blanks to the Conference of Statistical Secretaries at the time of the Convention at Chicago for their consideration and recommendation to the Statistical and Church Year Book Committee of the United Lutheran Church. The experience of the Statistical Secretary is that where the Church Schools, organizations, and societies, and the Church Council have faithfully filled out these blank forms, it is relatively an easy matter with his record of his ministerial acts at hand, for the pastor to fill out the Standard Parochial Blank.

16. *Statistical Conference*

In conformity with the recommendation adopted by the Buffalo Convention of the United Lutheran Church as found on page 336 of the Minutes, namely, "That the Constituent Synods of the United Lutheran Church in America be requested to make provision for the presence of their Statistical Secretaries at future Conventions of the United Lutheran Church in order that they may attend the conference of the Statistical Secretaries at the time of the Convention," your Committee has made preparation for a conference of the Statistical Secretaries at the time of the Chicago Convention, to be held Wednesday, October 22d, at 7. P. M., in the Edgewater Beach Hotel. Under the date of May 21, 1924, the Secretary, as requested by the Statistical and Church Year Book Committee, wrote to the Presidents of the Constituent Synods of the United Lutheran Church, calling their attention to the above-quoted action of the Buffalo Convention of the United Lutheran Church.

This conference will again give your Committee an opportunity of meeting the Statistical Secretaries face to face, and with them, to go over the problems incident to the gathering of the parochial statistics of the United Lutheran Church. Practically all of the time of the last conference was spent on the revision of the Standard Parochial Blank and Assembly Sheet. We believe that not as much time will be required for these at the coming conference. The tools are fairly well standardized and agreed upon, but considerable time will be required to go over the blanks that the pastor can use in gathering before him the reports of the Church Schools, organizations, societies and Church Council, as he goes to filling out the Standard Parochial Blank. Such blanks appear necessary. Before release, they must be satisfactory to the Statistical Secretaries of the Constituent Synods.

The larger task and perhaps the most important question that will come before the Statistical Conference will be the consideration of the various surveys as made of the various systems of parish records by your Com-

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mittee and its members, in order that there may be an agreement among the Statistical Secretaries as to what are considered the most complete and uniform systems for parish records and congregational activities for use in the United Lutheran Church congregations.

The Statistical Secretaries of the Constituent Synods have suggested topics for discussion at the statistical conference.

17. *The* 1922 *and* 1923 *Parochial Statistics of the United Lutheran Church in America*

The table showing the totals for the parochial statistics of the Constituent Synods as well as the totals of the United Lutheran Church for the year 1923 is herewith appended, also a table of comparative statistics for five years, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922 and 1923. It is to be hoped that the 1924 statistics will be available for inclusion in the Minutes of this Convention. This, however, may not be possible in view of the number of Synods ending their fiscal years on December 31st, and the statistics not being available until about the middle of January at the earliest. If the 1924 statistics cannot be included in the Minutes of this Convention, it will be possible for the Bulletin for the next biennium to contain the statistical reports for the years 1924 and 1925.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That all Constituent Synods of the United Lutheran Church be again requested to have their Minutes printed in uniform size and style.

2. That those Constituent Synods which have modified the Standard Parochial Assembly Sheet be requested to conform their practice to the Standard.

3. We request that the fiscal years of all congregational organizations, congregations, Synods of the United Lutheran Church be made concurrent with the calendar year—ending December 31st each year, and that all published reports and statistics be of the date of December 31st of the previous year, thereby aiding the effort for uniform and accurate statistics in the United Lutheran Church.

4. That the Constituent Synods again be requested to print their parochial reports crosswise on the page, and not vertically, using only two pages for all the rubrics, thereby having opportunity to make use of 41 lines to a page; and that all parochial reports contain a summary in which a total is given for the Synod for the year covered by the report together with a total for the preceding year and a comparative statement of increase and decrease under all rubrics.

5. That the Constituent Synods again be requested to make provision for the presence of their Statistical Secretaries at future Conventions of the United Lutheran Church in order that they may attend the conference of the Statistical Secretaries at the time of the Convention.

6. That, in view of the approach of the United States census years, the Committee be authorized to negotiate with the United States Census Bureau

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and the necessary authorities for the following corrections and additions:

A. As to the 1926 United States Religious Census:

1. The re-classification of the churches along denominational lines, with subdivisions for separate corporate bodies in all the printed reports of the 1926 Religious Census.

2. The placing upon the questionnaire blanks used in making the 1926 census of the churches, the question concerning both "Baptized" and "Confirmed" or "Communicant" membership, with subdivisions "Male" and "Female" in each case, and

3. The addition of rubrics covering the educational work of the churches, with the subdivisions—"Sunday Schools," "Parochial Schools," "Weekday Schools," "Summer Schools" and "Saturday Schools."

B. As to the 1930 United States Regular Census:

That the questions be added to the census questionnaire blank:

1. What religious denomination do you belong to?
2. What religious denomination did your father belong to?
3. What religious denomination did your mother belong to?
4. If not a member, what religious denomination do you prefer?

7. That, in view of the desirability of having the rubric "Confirmed Membership" unencumbered in order that a true representation of the strength of the United Lutheran Church may be put forth when the religious statistics of the United States are gathered, the "Communing Membership" rubric be used instead of the "Confirmed Membership" rubric in the system used for arriving at the United Lutheran Church, synodical and congregational apportionments or quotas.

8. That the model blank for the "State of the Church" as revised according to the recommendations of the Statistical Conference held at the time of the Chicago Convention, and subsequently acted upon by the Statistical and Church Year Book Committee, be referred to the Statistical and Church Year Book Committee in co-operation with the Stewardship Committee for preparation of a final form of standard blank on the "State of the Church" for use in the Constituent Synods of the United Lutheran Church in America.

Respectfully submitted,

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The report of the Statistical Secretary of the United Lutheran Church in America is embodied in the report of the Statistical and Church Year Book Committee.

Respectfully,

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Index Number	SYNODS	When Organized	Pastors	Parishes	PAROCHIAL														
					Membership				Accessions						Losses				
									Children		Adult				Children		Adult		
					Congregations	Baptized	Confirmed	Communing	Baptism	Otherwise	Baptism	Confirmation	Certificate	Otherwise	Death	Otherwise	Death	Certificate	Otherwise
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
1	Ministerium of Pa.	Aug. 15, 1748	424	351	574	254,073	176,956	134,989	7,843	2,507	399	6,299	3,364	2,214	682	2,088	2,925	2,200	3,981
2	Ministerium of N. Y.	Oct. 23, 1786	148	132	141	*107,448	*67,155	*49,456	2,333	786	121	1666	257	1,106	130	296	1,213	185	431
3	United Synod of N. C.	May 2, 1803	110	91	193	34,396	24,312	18,989	1,030	225	125	863	630	88	63	166	221	494	241
4	Synod of Maryland	Oct. 11, 1820	123	102	140	54,365	41,701	29,151	1,722	366	204	1,499	660	762	110	379	626	473	652
5	Synod of S. C.	Jan. 14, 1824	59	56	109	23,827	17,445	12,935	635	128	96	638	493	34	27	53	162	290	252
6	Synod of West Pa	Sept. 5, 1825	112	89	158	51,554	39,190	33,313	1,331	336	212	1,233	812	785	106	169	616	606	1,022
7	Synod of Virginia	Aug. 10, 1829	79	67	149	17,276	13,541	9,963	346	160	166	307	447	71	29	41	189	208	351
8	Synod of Ohio	Nov. 7, 1836	216	194	287	68,933	51,792	42,703	1,882	515	728	1,655	1,351	923	111	323	796	951	2,924
9	East Pennsylvania Synod	May 2, 1842	148	128	156	58,168	43,198	31,212	1,601	491	264	1,359	1,169	756	120	392	597	684	989
10	Allegheny Synod	Sept. 9, 1842	81	71	148	37,536	28,739	21,389	861	324	221	694	474	282	58	228	337	524	428
11	Pittsburgh Synod	Jan. 15, 1845	259	216	316	103,354	70,603	49,960	3,012	1,628	352	2,640	1,475	2,536	251	1,093	880	1,239	2,604
12	Indiana Synod	Oct. 28, 1848	53	51	77	13,177	9,966	7,515	339	155	117	322	232	167	16	64	138	158	640
13	Illinois Synod	Sept. 8, 1851	126	102	135	35,874	25,429	20,553	1,198	577	277	1,285	645	843	49	395	271	438	1,901
14	Texas Synod	Nov. 10, 1851	15	18	23	5,435	3,338	2,736	163	32	10	199	15	79	9	73	41	7	70
15	Synod of Central Pa.	Feb. 21, 1855	38	35	87	17,226	12,619	9,393	330	89	37	309	236	55	34	69	176	215	184
16	Mississippi Synod	July 25, 1855	5	5	14	765	624	391	16	.....	6	16	6	6	.....	14	7	10	58
17	Synod of Iowa	Sept. 3, 1855	26	28	30	8,676	5,357	4,808	375	107	103	317	190	145	15	79	85	155	379
18	Michigan Synod	Oct. 27, 1855	60	54	85	16,422	11,902	8,131	450	137	116	384	296	362	17	256	147	163	739
19	Synod of Georgia	July 20, 1860	22	23	37	6,715	4,643	3,212	76	61	26	76	99	76	5	13	35	33	52
20	Synod of Canada	July 21, 1861	48	44	75	22,390	15,240	12,493	471	147	19	391	69	261	48	102	185	71	190
21	‡Susquehanna Synod	Nov. 5, 1867	47	47	79	29,375	22,164	16,459	317	65	35	118	203	110	24	65	155	157	213
22	Synod of Kansas	Nov. 5, 1868	46	35	41	8,211	5,768	4,813	344	108	119	206	235	221	8	86	81	161	391
23	Synod of Nebraska	Sept. 1, 1871	49	52	57	15,355	11,047	7,830	646	97	193	554	237	221	18	215	77	190	610
24	Wartburg Synod	1875	46	42	50	15,593	9,671	6,254	421	119	18	297	41	225	34	124	100	40	193
25	German Nebraska Synod	July 24, 1890	84	77	95	17,924	10,392	9,264	508	48	5	331	14	85	29	75	105	77	65
26	Synod of California	April 2, 1891	54	34	34	8,863	4,583	4,703	324	105	18	229	200	236	20	168	66	96	421
27	Rocky Mountain Synod	May 6, 1891	14	17	18	2,598	1,910	1,374	95	25	9	58	95	82	5	39	20	36	219
28	Synod of the Northwest	Sept. 22, 1891	82	65	72	30,981	19,823	14,547	1,095	1,002	134	1,053	287	1,155	61	1,195	127	339	1,075
29	Manitoba Synod	July 16, 1897	36	31	58	10,168	5,364	4,777	483	.....	.....	320	.....	.....	.....	.....	141	.....	.....
30	Pacific Synod	Sept. 26, 1901	32	26	30	4,392	2,461	1,919	163	247	24	198	87	157	4	186	31	71	261
31	N. Y. and N. E. Synod	Sept. 23, 1902	77	66	67	41,792	28,630	21,291	1,180	793	116	1,109	506	876	47	331	266	310	989
32	Nova Scotia Synod	July 10, 1903	7	8	30	5,258	2,834	1,493	116	18	3	74	12	4	18	48	56	21	166
33	Synod of New York	Oct. 7, 1908	143	148	157	52,850	37,415	25,080	1,387	879	143	1,284	641	1,052	77	921	474	319	2,481
34	Central Canada Synod	Nov. 11, 1908	18	14	17	3,280	2,052	1,388	86	95	12	66	21	44	5	22	14	16	56
35	Synod of West Virginia	April 17, 1912	14	19	39	6,326	4,254	3,287	206	47	44	140	101	106	14	20	59	79	236
36	Slovak "Zion" Synod	June 10, 1919	23	28	34	10,825	7,161	5,413	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	99	.....	.....
37	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
38	1924 Totals U. L. C. in A., Synods in U. S. and Canada		2,924	2,566	3,812	1,201,401	830,279	633,184	33,387	12,419	4,472	28,188	15,600	16,125	2,244	6,788	11,518	11,016	25,436
39	1923 Totals U. L. C. in A., 2 Congs. in Harlem, N. Y. C. and outside U. S. and Canada		48		1,544	127,209	87,484	48,500	4,000										

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Index Number	PAROCHIAL																				FINANCIAL		
	Church Papers			*Church Schools									Students				Church Societies						Valuation Church Property		
				Sunday					Weekday								Men's		Women's		Young P.				
	No. Sub. to Official Papers	No. S. S. Papers Distributed	No. Sub. to Oth'r Ch. P'rs.	Number	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Home Dep't	Cradle Roll	Number	Teachers	Scholars	Catechumens	Ministry	Deaconess	In Lutheran Institutions	In Non. Luth. Institutions	Number	Members	Number	Members	Number	Members	Church Edifices	Parsonages	School and Parish Houses
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44
1	7,522	14,681	3,887	574	10,934	107,801	4,324	11,512	63	247	4,529	7,620	86	15	242	867	191	9 835	577	30,587	475	21,385	12,821,446	1,506,542	672,300
2	920	3,540	862	127	2,138	19,077	601	2,521	45	60	1,291	347	27	3	29	90	86	6,023	165	11,375	150	7,285	4,237,275	687,425	373,270
3	2,277	3,011	1,842	142	1,559	20,124	224	602	31	108	1,834	3,483	48	3	282	314	20	740	145	3,484	144	4,171	1,546,410	358,587	62,000
4	2,116	4,845	1,085	143	3,169	31,908	2,168	3,890	12	68	878	2,360	26	3	54	252	47	2,628	191	9,778	161	6,710	4,066,700	573,810	199,500
5	1,284	1,918	757	107	1,148	12,298	299	961	15	91	1,061	1,468	14	2	246	140	16	392	108	3,713	95	2,880	954,600	177,510	81,000
6	2,134	5,604	959	160	3,423	39,435	2,010	3,939	11	36	826	3,922	50	3	164	189	22	1,373	190	8,673	161	7,943	2,944,950	466,500	21,050
7	1,818	3,111	1,793	101	1,198	11,124	651	866	5	16	144	469	19	....	93	111	13	713	107	3,268	81	2,818	1,304,900	294,075	36,450
8	3,899	20,047	1,399	277	4,667	48,166	1,479	4,398	29	108	2,148	2,922	54	6	291	478	117	4,850	388	16,170	224	6,976	6,164,650	777,800	80,100
9	2,585	8,900	2,056	156	3,539	35,982	3,821	3,795	22	98	1,255	2,599	50	4	106	315	75	4,805	230	10,201	175	6,327	4,263,450	773,500	221,500
10	2,145	8,686	2,393	118	2,194	22,355	1,372	2,316	14	57	1,462	2,243	29	3	80	235	16	1,360	128	5,143	90	3,384	2,485,800	346,138	4,500
11	4,064	20,728	6,459	301	4,916	47,651	3,349	7,049	34	167	2,466	4,404	65	6	171	454	107	4,786	403	14,915	305	10,529	5,980,300	937,210	174,850
12	709	3,711	260	70	1,009	8,482	507	861	2	11	118	546	13	....	40	110	21	539	98	3,030	51	1,466	964,900	163,300	3,000
13	2,057	11,637	1,358	122	2,308	24,070	615	2,785	5	4	65	1,677	36	....	111	184	63	1,759	200	7,100	149	4,396	2,688,475	436,250	55,900
14	148	311	30	20	130	1,256	.....	93	2	6	65	108	3	1	4	5	3	101	17	642	13	566	97,177	33,750	6,100
15	686	2,981	269	87	1,375	12,215	702	1,302	9	24	335	764	21	3	61	109	16	565	70	2,277	62	2,113	869,425	139,100	.....
16	58	24	.....	8	50	349	12	2	.....	.....	.....	19	1	....	3	5	2	25	6	56	3	33	11,150	2,200	.....
17	401	2,619	214	29	522	4,346	56	852	2	5	20	311	12	2	33	166	15	496	55	2,009	47	1,347	803,533	132,700	13,000
18	1,187	4,671	436	76	1,065	9,799	253	1,088	10	26	335	429	14	....	45	92	24	1,041	103	3,718	56	1,411	1,436,226	184,617	10,000
19	319	360	25	18	230	1,784	.....	92	2	13	139	71	4	....	12	26	7	170	20	739	12	470	544,900	73,500	.....
20	610	453	504	61	633	4,647	.....	427	29	28	625	336	14	....	20	26	5	286	36	2,179	31	1,429	768,450	147,675	6,400
21	747	1,312	1,490	79	1,652	18,144	1,261	1,683	14	76	917	941	17	3	43	140	32	2,144	98	4,447	69	2,853	1,752,100	194,250	3,500
22	998	2,634	196	40	634	4,929	174	560	6	28	407	392	4	....	13	98	15	497	64	2,316	44	1,099	812,685	149,450	4,000
23	759	4,022	791	57	834	6,788	468	831	2	2	22	1,122	11	1	66	208	18	615	76	2,389	53	1,538	993,200	145,700	15,000
24	673	1,250	174	35	353	4,215	260	314	12	13	231	358	10	2	16	20	14	500	47	2,068	32	993	604,700	112,800	44,800
25	886	1,109	155	60	337	3,297	20	134	32	31	704	416	5	1	24	29	1	24	40	1,005	25	712	520,800	212,600	21,050
26	620	1,529	202	31	348	2,636	108	294	5	35	559	253	2	....	5	55	12	320	51	1,520	30	614	932,050	38,800	8,000
27	172	775	41	18	173	1,252	134	167	4	20	163	110	3	....	1	30	7	152	24	573	17	359	136,500	22,000	.....
28	887	3,617	843	66	1,197	5,557	172	1,578	7	26	455	1,690	21	....	29	196	32	1,396	93	3,778	91	2,590	2,126,250	187,150	102,500
29	.....	.....	.....	46	152	1,860	.....	.....	39	40	1,365	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	134	9	238	263,835	.....	.....
30	433	1,020	257	28	201	1,740	.....	181	4	4	92	171	6	....	6	41	11	206	34	821	26	556	261,162	68,000	2,500
31	999	3,321	1,837	68	1,774	16,139	595	3,284	19	88	1,540	972	21	5	23	126	47	2,406	98	5,638	111	3,617	2,670,164	287,000	129,000
32	9	145	432	16	154	1,226	.....	16	.....	.....	.....	131	1	....	3	7	1	18	8	632	6	258	185,025	35,800	.....
33	2,403	8,024	1,365	140	2,241	19,116	1,435	3,003	22	84	1,144	2,067	30	1	48	242	74	2,741	219	8,612	174	5,372	3,716,300	598,575	112,700
34	323	640	202	17	167	1,131	12	241	.....	.....	.....	78	7	....	8	13	3	65	20	449	16	455	175,780	46,000	.....
35	770	1,495	135	31	428	3,418	82	358	2	3	44	326	8	....	9	29	4	135	37	1,096	30	833	483,100	105,300	.....
36	.....	.....	.....	11	11	555	.....	.....	15	15	1,199	113	14	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	383,000	.....	.....
37	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
38	47,618	152,731	34,708	3,440	56,863	552,872	27,164	61,995	523	1,638	28,438	45, 38	746	67	2,381	5,402	1,137	53,706	4,151	174,535	3,200	115,726	70,971,368	10,415,614	2,463,970
39	376	440	10	989	2,055	43,569	.....	9	997	1,540	34,136	18, 23	169	1	.....	.....	408	7,017	441	9,258	27	664	260,701	50,300	23,300
40	47,994	153,171	34718	4,429	58,918	596,441	27,164	62,004	1,520	3,178	62,574	63,261	915	68	2,381	5,402	1,545	60,723	4,592	183,793	3,227	116,390	71,232,069	10,465,914	2,487,270

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INDEX NUMBER	VALUATION OF CHURCH PROPERTY				CONGREGATIONAL EXPENSES			CONGREGATIONAL BENEVOLENCE									SUMMARY	
								APPORTIONED			UNAPPORTIONED							
	Endowment	Other Property	Total Valuation	Indebtedness	Current	Unusual	Total	Paid	Excess	Deficit	Education	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Inner Missions	Other Benevolence	Total Unapportioned Benevolence	Total Benevolence	Total Expenditures
	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62
1	727,576	645,456	16,373,320	1,334,577	1,177103	938,161	2,115,266	295,308	1,808	113,569	5,553	19,583	4,683	51,817	104,270	185,906	481,214	2,596,480
2	154,137	1,001,944	6,454,051	427,616	*439.58	*210,963	*650,546	51,468	.....	.....	17,305	2,923	1,537	7,583	33,133	62,481	113,949	764,495
3	9,932	195,734	2,172,663	165,176	192,786	100,322	293,108	38,218	251	1,336	34,874	11,391	6,367	4,639	18,045	75,316	113,534	406,642
4	62,173	180,938	5,083,121	467,542	349,153	324,020	673,173	82,594	5,327	11,239	10,370	11,758	5,643	17,327	39,410	84,908	167,502	840,675
5	42,800	19,073	1,274,983	88,455	104,886	51,308	156,194	29,833	40	10,757	11,327	10,555	3,815	5,173	7,805	38,675	68,508	224,702
6	231,253	274,673	3,938,426	114,688	303,860	121,607	515,467	88,036	5,605	19,654	4,379	17,356	1,975	6,023	33,381	63,114	151,150	666,617
7	39,280	60,586	1,735,291	130,460	118,767	56,991	175,758	28,879	582	19,513	11,607	5,673	1,832	5,219	11,079	35,010	64,889	240,647
8	67,921	390,811	7,481,282	575,758	634,609	355,977	990,586	165,773	5,974	28,623	43,743	33,650	9,056	12,367	43,184	142,000	307,773	1,298,359
9	136,840	288,015	5,683,305	547,020	518,835	174,941	693,776	112,729	10,477	21,271	11,664	21,250	4,920	30,896	42,475	111,205	223,934	917,710
10	36,257	63,300	2,935,995	282,346	226,737	139,931	366,668	69,785	6,610	3,164	4,659	15,441	2,663	12,240	23,716	58,719	128,504	495,172
11	171,807	480,760	7,744,927	770,871	650,027	488,484	1,138,511	157,715	.....	34,822	41,146	16,659	12,272	55,235	62,281	187,593	345,308	1,483,819
12	19,766	58,507	1,209,473	66,428	123,119	63,025	186,144	28,369	1,353	4,286	11,710	6,216	3,499	2,706	7,978	32,109	60,478	246,622
13	25,551	94,688	3,200,864	281,106	328,758	349,850	678,608	70,383	1,681	4,107	14,751	9,723	3,686	9,069	21,691	58,920	129,303	807,911
14	1,150	14,300	152,477	10,877	19,320	5,966	25,286	2,263	.....	4,476	519	85	823	29	1,335	3,291	5,554	30,940
15	17,800	14,575	1,041,200	6,350	81,201	25,310	106,511	27,607	1,981	4,099	2,555	3,629	733	3,559	8,162	18,938	46,545	153,056
16	.....	5,569	18,919	500	2,117	625	2,742	598	23	628	123	84	199	59	239	704	1,302	4,044
17	5,000	42,000	996,283	187,370	101,385	57,298	158,683	14,361	1,168	6,367	2,639	797	1,210	605	3,965	9,216	23,577	182,260
18	2,350	113,300	1,746,993	207,476	149,426	73,904	223,330	24,917	220	10,616	10,998	3,456	1,403	527	3,221	19,605	44,522	267,852
19	10,000	43,400	671,800	162,614	52,685	37,373	90,058	12,234	2	588	423	1,184	496	167	5,708	7,978	20,212	110,270
20	1,325	28,200	952,050	29,015	89,328	31,075	120,403	20,820	.....	22,488	4,336	814	232	260	6,303	11,945	32,765	153,168
21	39,250	56,300	2,045,000	216,357	129,741	175,496	305,237	30,487	1,775	5,008	4,689	3,710	785	729	18,093	28,006	58,493	363,730
22	11,600	41,950	1,019,685	72,265	97,997	31,259	129,256	17,234	28	1,725	2,382	1,844	407	2,226	4,730	11,589	28,823	158,079
23	1,100	127,700	1,282,700	68,310	114,431	35,124	149,555	22,947	262	4,020	5,079	2,621	8,263	2,860	6,677	25,600	48,547	198,102
24	.....	29,570	791,870	63,920	54,510	17,571	72,081	9,504	545	180	768	975	1,126	687	2,917	6,473	15,977	88,058
25	4,700	13,970	773,120	17,765	67,325	13,317	80,642	10,246	1,243	26,459	11,479	763	695	826	11,476	25,239	35,485	116,127
26	7,500	46,358	1,032,708	50,650	68,726	45,479	114,205	12,201	4	3,855	95	1,212	509	303	7,712	9,831	22,032	136,237
27	.....	50,275	208,775	37,429	28,521	20,563	49,084	5,236	66	1,209	645	677	107	396	2,009	3,834	9,070	58,154
28	3,798	41,641	2,461,339	.....	211,336	157,140	368,476	34,689	.....	.....	9,845	3,713	1,588	2,690	1,911	29,747	64,436	432,912
29	.....	.....	263,535	.....	39,241	.....	39,241	371	.....	.....	1,866	693	.....	728	1,445	4,732	5,103	44,344
30	.....	10,133	241,795	86,170	32,967	22,360	55,327	7,226	.....	670	518	602	152	370	3,585	5,227	12,453	67,780
31	33,333	325,570	3,445,567	383,725	335,600	202,677	538,277	60,499	719	2,042	20,331	8,865	3,868	11,623	20,498	65,185	125,684	663,961
32	.....	1,400	222,225	23,360	15,065	7,415	22,500	2,344	17	2,156	848	354	15	.....	608	1,825	4,169	26,669
33	113,328	145,436	4,686,339	390,275	376,148	179,011	555,159	56,962	.....	.....	11,404	5,070	1,502	10,100	19,687	47,763	104,725	659,884
34	26,000	15,500	265,280	75,280	23,455	6,775	30,230	3,756	.....	4,605	99	226	278	80	2,435	3,118	6,874	37,104
35	500	51,300	640,200	98,983	48,468	24,403	72,871	9,223	299	3,454	1,427	4,166	323	1,132	2,768	9,816	19,039	91,910
36	.....	.....	383,000	.....	80,355	.....	80,355	475	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,856	1,856	2,331	82,686
37	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
38	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
39	2,007,027	4,073,232	90,831,211	7,441,246	7,387,592	4,635,721	12,023,314	1,606,290	48,060	378,486	316,056	227,718	86,762	261,050	596,888	1,488,474	3,093,764	15,117,078
	25,000	53,072	1,442,375	50,000	99,831	1,500	101,331	.....	.....	.....	.....	78	.....	.....	11,811	11,889	11,889	113,220
40	2,032,027	5,126,304	92,273,586	7,491,246	7,487,424	4,637,221	12,124,645	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

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Index Number	Year	Pastors	Parishes	Congregations	Baptized	Confirmed	Communing	Children: Baptism	Children: Otherwise	Adult: Baptism	Adult: Confirmation	Adult: Certificate	Adult: Otherwise	Children: Death	Children: Otherwise	Adult: Death	Adult: Certificate	Adult: Otherwise	No. Sub. to Official Papers	No. S. S. Papers Distributed	No. Sub. to Oth'r Ch. Pps.
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
1	1923	2,924	2,566	3,812	1,201,401	839,279	633,184	33,387	12,419	4,472	28,188	15,600	16,125	2,244	9,788	11,518	11,016	25,436	47,618	152,731	34,708
2	1922	2,900	2,501	3,732	1,164,550	819,063	621,123	36,016	12,704	5,599	30,954	16,345	16,445	2,334	9,370	11,741	10,934	25,650	49,267	144,631	33,867
3	1 Year Gain	24	65	80	36,851	20,216	12,061								418		82			8,100	841
4	1 Year Decrease							2,629	285	1,127	2,766	745	320	90		223		214	1,649		
5	1923	2,924	2,566	3,812	1,201,401	839,279	633,184	33,387	12,419	4,472	28,188	15,600	16,125	2,244	9,788	11,518	11,016	25,436	47,618	152,731	34,708
6	1921	2,887	2,492	3,803	1,147,007	801,250	597,768	37,403	11,773	5,302	30,467	16,456	16,500	2,392	8,921	11,051	11,475	25,485	36,969	118,139	21,454
7	2 Years' Gain	37	74	9	54,394	38,029	35,416		646						867	467			10,649	34,592	13,254
8	2 Years' Decrease							4,016		830	2,279	856	375	148			459	49			
9	1923	2,924	2,566	3,812	1,201,401	839,279	633,184	33,387	12,419	4,472	28,188	15,600	16,125	2,244	9,788	11,518	11,016	25,436	47,618	152,731	34,708
10	1920	2,812		3,775	1,117,938	791,400	580,018	36,438		4,834	29,380	15,214	14,571			11,554	11,610	26,550			
11	3 Years' Gain	112		37	83,463	47,879	53,166					386	1,554								
12	3 Years' Decrease							3,051		362	1,192					36	594	1,114			
13	1923	2,924	2,566	3,812	1,201,401	839,279	633,184	33,387	12,419	4,472	28,188	15,600	16,125	2,244	9,788	11,518	11,016	25,436	47,618	152,731	34,708
14	1919	2,843		3,473	1,094,153	776,582	474,553	34,785		4,400	27,645	13,915	9,235			14,073	10,664	23,467			
15	4 Years' Gain	81		339	107,248	62,697	158,631			72	543	1,685	6,890				352	1,969			
16	4 Years' Decrease							1,398								2,555					

Index Numbers	Parochial: *Church Schools: Sunday: Number	Sunday: Officers and Teachers	Sunday: Scholars	Sunday: Home Dep't	Sunday: Cradle Roll	Weekday: Number	Weekday: Teachers	Weekday: Scholars	Catechumens	Students: Ministry	Students: Deaconess	Students: In Lutheran Institutions	Students: In Non-Luth. Institutions	Church Societies: Men's: Number	Men's: Members	Women's: Number	Women's: Members	Young P: Number	Young P: Members	Financial: Valuation of Church Property: Church Edifices	Parsonages	School and Parish Houses
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43
1	3,440	56,863	552,872	27,164	61,995	523	1,638	28,438	45,238	746	67	2,381	5,402	1,137	53,706	4,151	174,535	3,200	115,726	70,971,368	10,415,614	2,463,970
2	3,465	55,330	555,510	28,446	59,264	490	1,453	25,149	35,311	717	59	2,015	4,520	1,102	52,525	4,013	173,270	3,132	115,234	65,598,841	9,237,584	1,584,150
3		1,533			2,731	33	185	3,289	9,927	29	8	366	882	35	1,181	138	1,265	68	492	5,372,527	1,178,030	879,820
4	25		2,638	1,282																		
5	3,440	56,863	552,872	27,164	61,995	523	1,638	28,438	45,238	746	67	2,381	5,402	1,137	53,706	4,151	174,535	3,200	115,726	70,971,368	10,415,614	2,463,970
6	3,682	54,268	522,691	26,142	52,148	375	954	17,534	34,034	582	85	1,712	4,292	967	47,052	3,618	154,089	2,694	106,842	63,193,694	8,138,433	878,400
7		2,595	30,181	1,022	9,847	148	684	10,904	11,204	164	22	669	1,110	170	6,654	533	20,446	506	8,884	7,777,674	2,277,181	1,585,570
8	242																					
9	3,440	56,863	552,872	27,164	61,995	523	1,638	28,438	45,238	746	67	2,381	5,402	1,137	53,706	4,151	174,535	3,200	115,726	70,971,368	10,415,614	2,463,970
10	3,399	52,939	515,815	23,506	46,300	190	326	7,070	44,334	577	46	1,833	4,316	892	39,426	3,547	139,205	2,367	92,822		6,928,456	
11	41	3,924	37,057	3,658	15,695	333	1,312	21,368	904	169	21	548	1,086	245	14,280	604	35,330	833	22,905		3,487,158	
12																						
13	3,440	56,863	552,872	27,164	61,995	523	1,638	28,438	45,238	746	67	2,381	5,402	1,137	53,706	4,151	174,535	3,200	115,726	70,971,368	10,415,614	2,463,970
14	3,412	53,524	514,924	19,019	32,228	109	130	4,779	36,689	526	14	233	611	708	32,550	2,811	104,760	2,114	81,746		2,071,193	
15	28	3,339	37,948	8,145	29,767	414	1,508	23,659	8,549	220	53	2,148	4,791	429	21,156	1,340	69,775	1,086	33,981		8,344,421	
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Index Number	Valuation of Church Property				Congregational Expenses			Congregational Benevolence									Summary	
								Apportioned			Unapportioned							
	Endowment	Other Property	Total Valuation	Indebtedness	Current	Unusual	Total	Paid	Excess	Deficit	Education	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Inner Missions	Other Benevolence	Total Unapportioned Benevolence	Total Benevolence	Total Expenditures
	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61
1	2,007,027	4,973,232	90,831,211	7,441,246	7,387,593	4,635,721	12,023,314	1,605,290	48,060	378,486	316,056	227,718	86,762	261,050	596,888	1,488,474	3,093,764	15,117,078
2	1,851,134	3,701,544	81,973,253	7,047,140	6,816,399	8,009,146	10,825,545	1,513,077	45,328	368,687	292,682	155,599	72,287	233,324	777,002	1,530,894	3,043,971	13,869,516
3	155,893	1,271,688	8,857,958	394,106	571,194	626,575	1,197,769	92,213	2,732	9,799	23,374	72,119	14,475	27,726			49,793	1,247,562
4															180,114	42,420		
5	2,007,027	4,973,232	90,831,211	7,441,246	7,387,593	4,635,721	12,023,314	1,605,290	48,060	378,486	316,056	227,718	86,762	261,050	596,888	1,488,474	3,093,764	15,117,078
6	1,895,798	2,400,790	76,507,115	6,011,472	6,621,268	3,835,135	10,456,403	1,440,132	62,601	342,307	569,521	140,190	66,369	240,927	884,653	1,901,660	3,341,792	13,798,195
7	111,229	2,572,442	14,324,096	1,429,774	766,325	800,586	1,566,911	165,158		36,179		87,528	20,393	20,123				1,318,883
8									14,541		253,465				287,765	413,186	248,028	
9	2,007,027	4,973,232	90,831,211	7,441,246	7,387,593	4,635,721	12,023,314	1,605,290	48,060	378,486	316,056	227,718	86,762	261,050	596,888	1,488,474	3,093,764	15,117,078
10	2,065,974		70,142,813	5,581,845	5,630,943	2,968,750	8,599,693	1,206,115			612,129		36,017	233,909	983,743	1,865,798	3,071,913	11,671,606
11			20,688,398	1,859,401	1,756,650	1,666,971	3,423,621	399,175					50,745	27,141			21,851	3,445,472
12	58,947										296,073				386,855	377,324		
13	2,007,027	4,973,232	90,831,211	7,441,246	7,387,593	4,635,721	12,023,314	1,605,290	48,060	378,486	316,056	227,718	86,762	261,050	596,888	1,488,474	3,093,764	15,117,078
14	1,032,292		42,383,332	4,527,913	4,984,795	1,916,749	6,901,544	1,344,202			76		5,459	70	902,981	908,586	2,252,788	9,154,332
15	974,735		48,447,879	2,913,333	2,402,798	2,718,972	5,121,770	261,088			315,980		81,303	260,980		579,888	840,976	5,962,746
16															306,093			

TOTAL OF ACCESSIONS AND LOSSES COMPARED

1923	Total accessions	110,191
1922	Total accessions	118,063
1923	Decrease in accessions	7,872
1923	Accessions gain over losses	50,189
1922	Accessions gain over losses	58,034
1923	Decrease Accessions over losses	7,845

Total losses	60,002
Total losses	60,029
Gain in losses	27

	Current Exp.	Unusual Exp.	Total Cong. Exp.	Appor. Benev. Paid	Total Benevolence	Total Expenditures
1923 per capita (839,279 cf. m.)	$8.80	$5.52	$14.33	1.91	$3.52	$18.00
1922 per capita (819,063 cf. m.)	8.32	4.89	13.21	1.84	3.71	16.93
1923 gain over 1922 per capita	.48	.63	1.12	.07	.....	1.07
1923 decrease over 1922 per capita	.....	.....	.....	.....	.19	.....
1921 per capita (801,250 cf. m.)	8.26	4.79	13.05	1.79	4.17	17.22
1920 per capita (791,400 cf. m.)	7.15	3.75	10.90	1.52	3.88	14.78
1919 per capita (776,582 cf. m.)	6.42	2.46	8.88	1.73	2.90	11.78

1923 net valuation	$83,389,965
1922 net valuation	74,926,113
1923 gain net valuation	8,463,852
1921 net valuation	70,495,643
1920 net valuation	64,500,968
1919 net valuation	57,859,419

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Recommendations 1 and 2 were adopted.

Recommendation 3 was amended by the insertion of the words "we request" at the beginning, the insertion of the word "congregational" before "organizations" and the striking out of the words "boards and committees." Resolution 3 was adopted as amended.

Resolutions 4 and 5 were adopted.

Pending discussion of recommendation 6 the Convention adjourned until 1:30 o'clock.

Closing prayer was offered by the Rev. A. S. Hardy.

Afternoon Session

Tuesday, October 28, 1:30 P. M.

The President called the Convention to order.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. J. A. Huffard.

The Chairman of the Committee of Reference and Counsel reported that the Danish Church had appointed the Rev. P. Gotke as their representative to bring fraternal greetings to this Convention, but that he had been detained on account of illness. The Committee recommended that the Secretary be instructed to send greetings to the proper authorities, and an expression of our appreciation of their appointment of a representative. The recommendation was approved.

On motion of the Chairman, the action taken yesterday instructing the Executive Board to publish a booklet was reconsidered. The Committee moved to amend by inserting in the resolution the words "at their discretion." The amendment was adopted, and the resolution as amended was adopted.

Following the special order of business, namely, the report of the Committee on Women's Work and the hearing of the representative of the Women's Missionary Society, the Rev. W. D. C. Keiter presented the report of the Committee and introduced Mrs. Sydney R. Kepner, President of the Society.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WOMEN'S WORK

The report of the Committee on Women's Work must of necessity be limited to a report on the work and activities of the Women's Missionary Society of the United Lutheran Church in America, as the only women's organization coming within the Committee's jurisdiction. During the past biennium the Committee functioned regularly and in accordance with its prerogatives as a co-ordinating agency of the Church, has maintained that cordial organic relationship which has ever existed between the United Lutheran Church and its strongest and most efficient auxiliary organization. At the same time, the Committee has held itself in readiness to render every service within its power to promote the interest of the Society.

By virtue of a courteous resolution adopted by the Women's Missionary Society, a representative of the Committee on Women's Work was present at most of the meetings of the Executive Board of the Society, where every facility was offered him to become acquainted with every phase of the Society's large and far-reaching operations.

The committee feels that in every way the Society has conducted its work in harmony with the constitution, principles and polity of the Church, and is convinced that the best report it can render on the work of the organization is to present the report of the Society itself.

This report sets forth clearly the really marvellous work which the Society has accomplished and the new record it has made for itself during the past biennium. Without attempting to discuss specific items in the report, your Committee, nevertheless, would avail itself of its privilege merely in a general way to call attention to a few outstanding features.

In the first place we would point to the expansion of the organization itself, evidence by the large increase in its numerical strength, in the number of congregational societies established and by the addition of at least three or more synodical organizations which have united with the General Body since the last Convention. Equally remarkable is the work which is being done along the same line of organizing the children of the Church.

Special attention is directed to the Society's educational activities, to the splendid and varied character of the literature published (probably the best in the country), and to its far-reaching program for the training of workers for the Church. In like manner we would stress the fine achievements of every departmental organization, and last, but not least, call the attention of the Church to the astonishing sum of money raised by the Society through various channels for the support and development of the manifold operations of the Church. Almost every Board and every cause has participated in the generous aid vouchsafed by the Missionary Society.

True to the high purpose for which the Society exists, the organization

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has indeed proved itself a faithful handmaiden of the Church and of her Lord and Master. The secret of this large measure of success which has attended the work of the Society undoubtedly lies in the zeal, in the consecration and in the spirit of self-denial which has permeated the organization from center to circumference. Nor must we overlook the just and business-like management with which the affairs of the Society have been conducted. With a keen sense of their responsibility the officers and the Executive Board, often at great personal sacrifice, have labored unceasingly to administer the affairs of the Society carefully, economically and for the best interest of the work of the Church.

Before closing this report, the Committee would refer to the sad experience which the Society met in the death of Mrs. Helen Beegle, who had served as the Executive Secretary of the organization ever since the merger in 1918. Mrs. Beegle had but one interest in her life and that was the work and welfare of the Women's Missionary Society of the United Lutheran Church. Her noble Christian character and her consecrated labors have left a lasting impression for good upon the entire organization. A representative of the Committee participated in a memorial service held at Pittsburgh, Pa., in May, 1924.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE.

F. A. KAEHLER,
J. B. MARKWARD,
W. H. SHEPFER,
M. J. BIEBER,
D. A. DAVY,
S. J. MCDOWELL,
W. D. C KEITER, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

To the United Lutheran Church in America. Greetings:

This report is submitted with the feeling that the attainments of the biennium are due alone to divine guidance throughout the biennium and to the consecration of the women of the United Lutheran Church in the activities that they have tried to carry on.

ORGANIZATION

The Board met for its first meeting of the biennium at the Fort Pitt Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pa., September 30, 1922, the following officers and members constituting the Board: Mrs. S. R. Kepner, President; Mrs. W. F. Morehead, Vice-President; Mrs. Horace D. Becker, Recording Secretary; Mrs. S. F. Jensen, Statistical Secretary, and Mrs. W. C. Weier,

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Treasurer; Mrs. H. C. Bell, Mrs. W. E. Black, Mrs. F. F. Fry, Mrs. J. E. Hoick, Mrs. H. D. Hoover, Mrs. J. B. Markward, Mrs. G. W. McClanahan, Mrs. H. C. Michael, Miss Flora Prince, Mrs. J. W. Richards, Mrs. P. M. Rossman, Mrs. F. W. Seeger, Mrs. H. C. Ter Vehn, Mrs. J. G. Traver, Mrs. N. Willison. Mrs. Helen C. Beegle was elected Executive Secretary

Administrative Committee.—The following officers and members were appointed on the Administrative Committee: Mrs. S. R. Kepner, President; Mrs. F. E. Jensen, Vice-President; Mrs. Horace D. Becker, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Walter C. Weier, Treasurer; Mrs. J. B. Markward, Mrs. H. C. Michael and Miss Flora Prince.

Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees elected the following officers: Mrs. F. F. Fry, President; Mrs. J. B. Markward, Vice-President; Mrs. F. E. Jensen, Recording Secretary; Miss Flora Prince, Treasurer.

Meetings

The Executive Board held eight quarterly meetings, all of these meetings being held at the headquarters in Pittsburgh except the March, 1924, meeting, which was held in Philadelphia at the new Muhlenberg Building, the meeting being held there at the invitation of the Literature Committee.

Besides the Board members the following representatives were present at Board meetings: A member of the Literature Committee, the Editor of *Lutheran Woman's Work,* the Chairman of the Committee on Woman's Work of the United Lutheran Church, representatives from the Foreign and Home Boards, home missionaries, foreign missionaries and Department Secretaries. The President of the United Lutheran Church was present at one of the quarterly meetings. The Administrative Committee held ad interim meetings between the meetings of the Executive Board for the transaction of important business and to present recommendations to the Executive Board.

The Board of Trustees held two meetings during the biennium.

Appointments by the Executive Board

Advisory members were appointed by the Executive Board to attend the meetings of the following Boards of the Church: Deaconess, Foreign Missions, Home Mission and Church Extension, Inner Mission, Immigrant Missions, Ministerial Relief, West Indies and Board of Education. The advantage of having advisory members on these Boards has been of great value to the Executive Board of the Women's Missionary Society, in bringing them into closer touch with the work of the Church.

Department Secretaries were appointed to carry on the various departments of the work in the Society and to stimulate greater interest throughout Synodical, Conference and Congregational Societies.

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Interdenominational Affiliation

The outstanding work of our interdenominational affiliation in this biennium has been the funds raised for the Women's Christian Colleges of the Orient, we have a part in two schools, the one at Madras and the other at Vellore, India. Also our affiliations in the Mission Study books and contact with workers of other denominations.

Fulfillment of Policy

The fulfillment of the Society's policy has been given prominence throughout the biennium, effort having been exerted "to stimulate and promote interest in mission work, by disseminating missionary information, by promoting missionary education and by aiding financially the missionary activities of the Church, through its regularly established Boards."

Also great care has been taken in the endeavor "to co-ordinate the work of the Society with that of the Church, and likewise to co-ordinate and unite the work of the Synodical Societies composing the Women's Missionary Society." The further aim "to maintain and extend organization, until in every congregation of the United Lutheran Church there shall be a Women's Missionary Society" has brought forth great effort to extend organization in Conference and Synodical Societies.

Co-operation

Co-operation with the Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church and with the Boards of the Church with which the Society has affiliated has continued most happily throughout the biennium.

Synodical and Conference Societies have also worked most harmoniously with all the plans and recommendations of the Executive Board.

Special Achievements During the Biennium

The effort to raise $175,000 for the Japan School and the opening of a school in the mountains of North Carolina have been the most outstanding achievements for the year, and have been entered into most heartily by the members and friends of the Women's Missionary Society.

Special Appointments During the Biennium

A Secretary who could do visitation work amongst the Young Women of the Church and organize Young Women's Societies, and a Field Secretary were two new appointees during the biennium.

The Receipts for the Biennium Totaled

The receipts for the biennium were $889,081.40 which, together with the balance from the last biennium of $122,864.66, makes a total of $1,011,946.06.

The sources of this income were the regular monthly membership contributions, constituting the General Fund, and voluntary contributions from members and friends of the Society. Chief among the latter offerings have

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been the annual Thank Offering, the Christmas Offering, the Lenten Offering, the Life Membership and In Memoriam fees, bequests and annuities, also the support of missionaries, of Bible women and scholarships has been an appreciable addition to the Society's funds.

Support of Foreign Missionaries

By Synodical Societies, etc., Assumed During the Biennium

Miss Mary Baer, M.D. ..... Maryland
Miss Agnes E. Christenson ..... Kansas Conference Augustana Society
Miss Katharine Fahs ..... Susquehanna-Central
Sr. Laura Gilliland ..... Pittsburgh
Miss Reba Hendrickson ..... Missonary Union, Washington, D. C.
Miss Anna Kugler, M.D., Sc.D. ..... East Pennsylvania
Miss Bertha Klein, R.N. ..... East Pennsylvania
Sr. Jennie Larmonth ..... Ohio
Miss Marie C. Martens ..... Illinois
Miss Betty A. Nilsson, M.D. ..... Augustana Society
Miss Elsie R. Otto ..... West Virginia
Sr. Ruth Robeson ..... Alleghany
Miss Agnes I. Schade ..... Pittsburgh
Miss Lillith Schwab ..... Kansas
Miss Florence M. Welty ..... Indiana
Miss Pauline E. Whittaker, R.N. ....Friends, Lancaster Conference Society, Ministerium of Pennsylvania
Miss Emilie L. Weiskotten..... Ministerium of Pennsylvania

By Congregations

Miss Metta K. Blair..... Kountze Memorial Church, Omaha, Nebr. Rev. O. D. Baltzly, D.D., Pastor
Miss Mary S. Borthwick..... Holy Communion, Philadelphia, Pa. Rev. J. Henry Harms, D.D., Pastor
Mrs. C. E. Buschman..... Temple Church, Philadelphia, Pa. Rev. A. V. Pohlman, D.D., Pastor
Miss Edith Eykamp..... Unity Church, Chicago, Ill. Rev. D. A. Davy, Pastor
Miss Florence M. Hines..... Dr. and Mrs. A. V. Pohlman, Temple Church, Philadelphia, Pa
Miss Emma Johnson..... Young Women's Missionary Society, Trinity Church, Rockford, Ill., Rev. H. M. Bannen, D.D., Pastor
Miss Bertha Koenig..... Messiah, Williamsport, Pa. Rev. R. G. Bannen, D.D., Pastor
Miss Eleanor Lange..... Emmanuel, Souderton, Pa. Rev. Warren Nickel, Pastor
Miss Clara J. Leaman..... St. Paul's, Carlisle, Pa. Rev. H. B. Stock, D.D., Pastor
Miss Lottie L. Martin ..... Temple Church, Philadelphia, Pa. Rev. A. V. Pohlman, D.D., Pastor
Miss Alice J. Nickel..... Church of the Good Shepherd, Brooklyn, N. Y. Rev. C. D. Trexler, D.D., Pastor
Miss Miriam Treon..... Zion Church, Sunbury, Pa. Rev. C. R. Bowers, D.D., Pastor
Miss Agatha Tatge..... Advent, New York City Rev. A. Steimle, D.D., Pastor

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By Young Women's Department

Miss Louise A. Miller ..... India
Miss Martha B. Akard ..... Japan
Miss Mabel Dysinger ..... Africa

By Light Brigade Department

Miss Mary Bauer, R.N. ..... Africa
Miss Christina E. Eriksson, R.N. ..... India
Miss Annie Powlas ..... Japan

PATRONS AND PROTEGES

Assuming the support of Bible women in the Foreign Fields has become more generally and favorably understood, as affording special objects for such organizations and individuals as desire to have a feature of the work of the Society distinctly their own, likewise the support of girl students in the schools conducted by our women missionaries has been assumed, such contributions increasing the appropriations for the schools and making the Christian education of more of India's girls and young women possible. Then, too, as many patrons testify, supporting a Bible woman or a girl-student becomes a personal link with the worker or the student in a foreign field.

At present the list of our proteges include 136 Bible women and teachers in India, three in Japan, and the support of the entire staff of women workers in Africa.

One hundred and four scholarships in India and 34 in Africa. Several scholarships for Vellore Medical College have been assumed.

The Luther League of the Synod of Virginia is continuing the support of Miss Minnie Moses, Stall School, Guntur, and Miss Dhanamma Joshua, Dr. Kugler's Indian assistant, is being supported by the group of six who formerly supported Miss M. Paru, N. P.

HOME MISSIONS

Thirty-five Missions were receiving appropriations toward their support at the opening of the biennium. Four have assumed self-support and seven new missions have been added to our list; three in the Rocky Mountain Synod, three in the Pacific Synod and one in the South Carolina Synod.

Monthly appropriations to home missions were $1960 until the month of March, 1924, when the monthly appropriation was increased to $2350. Church Extension appropriations have been special.

The entire or partial support of the following Home Missions has been contributed:

Support of Home Missions

Clarksburg, W. Va. ..... Maryland Synodical Society
Kalamazoo, Mich. ..... Michigan Synodical Society
Butler, Pa., (Trinity) ..... Pittsburgh Synodical Society
Columbus, Ohio, (Indianola Ave.) ..... Ohio Synodical Society
Lynchburg, Va., (Holy Trinity) ..... Virginia Synodical Society
New Salem, N. D. ..... Alleghany Synodical Society
Belmont Park, Chicago, Ill. ..... Illinois Synodical Society

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Waukesha, Wis. .....Wisconsin Conf. Society, Synod of Northwest
Philadelphia, Pa., (Gloria Dei) .....Ministerium of Penna.
Rock Hill, S. C. .....S. C. Synodical Society
Watauga, N. C., (Support of Parish Worker).....Light Brigade Dept.
Spring Garden Valley, Pittsburgh, Pa. (Settlement Work),
Pittsburgh Synodical Society

Assumed Self-Support

Riverside, Calif. .....Rev. H. S. Weaver, D.D., Pastor
Pasadena, Calif. .....Rev. W. H. Derr, Pastor
North Austin, Chicago, Ill. .....Rev. F. W. Otterbein, Pastor
Indianola, Columbus .....Rev. E. Clyde Xander, Pastor

Immigrant Mission

The extent of the work of the Society for Immigrant work has been the contribution of funds for the support of Italian, Slavic, etc., students for the ministry of their own people.

Inner Mission

Settlement work in Pittsburgh has been one of the specials of the Pittsburgh Synodical Society in the Spring Garden Mission, and Port Work in New York City have been the features of Inner Mission Work, besides the great amount of gifts for the orphans' and old people's homes.

Jewish Mission

The support of a woman assistant in Messiah Hebrew Lutheran Mission, Philadelphia, has been the extent of the Society's work.

Education

The Society has worked in conjunction with the Board of Education in having two young women secretaries in the field, looking after the girls in not only our own institutions but also in other educational institutions. The work has been invaluable both from the standpoint of the girls and of our Society.

West Indies

Our work in the West Indies has been the support of two missionaries, one in Porto Rico and the other in the Virgin Islands, and the maintenance of two homes for children in the Virgin Islands.

Foreign Missions

The work of our Foreign Fields and the consecrated efforts of all our missionaries has been a real source of inspiration to all of us. Our four hospitals, Guntur, Rajahmundry and Chirala, India, and Phoebe Hospital, Africa, have been overcrowded, but have been a source of blessing to thousands of patients.

The educational, Bible training schools, lace industry, the nurses' training schools, kindergartens and zenana work have all been important parts of our work and have shown great advance during the biennium. In Africa advance steps have been taken in sending women missionaries into the interior stations.

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We would like to pay tribute to each one of our missionaries, who has had a part in the furtherance of our work, and we take this opportunity in doing so.

Our Missionaries

New missionaries commissioned and sent to India during the biennium were: Miss Verna A. Lofgren, R.N., Miss Clara J. Leaman, B.A., and Miss Lottie L. Martin, R.N.

To Africa—Miss Bertha Dierolf, R.N., Miss Bertha Klein, R.N., Miss Miriam Treon, and Miss Dora Hahn.

Under Appointment—To India, Miss Rose Brummer, R.N., Miss Ethel Viele, R.N., Miss Emma Johnson, Miss Edith Eykamp and Miss Ruth Hildegarde Swanson.

Missionaries Deceased—Miss Jessie Brewer.

Missionaries Retired—Miss Marion Eyster, now Mrs. August Schmitthenner; Miss Isie Weygandt, now Mrs. Clarence Swavely; Miss Viola Steigerwalt, now Mrs. Leon E. L. Irschick; Miss Bertha Dierolf, now Mrs. Paul M. Counts; Dr. Elizabeth Reese-Wilkens, Miss Barbara E. DeRemer, and Mrs. Anna H. Mueller.

Our Publications and Our Literature

With a great deal of pride we point to the work of our Literature Committee and the material that they are putting before our women for their use and for their education. *Lutheran Woman's Work* also meets with the heartiest appreciation not only amongst our own membership but amongst women of other denominations. To the Literature Committee and Mrs. J. F. Seebach, editor of *Lutheran Woman's Work,* we owe much as a Society.

Mrs. Helen C. Beegle

We cannot close this report without a word of appreciation being given to Mrs. Helen C. Beegle, the Executive Secretary of the Executive Board of the Women's Missionary Society of the United Lutheran Church in America. Mrs. Beegle became the Executive Secretary at the time of the merger in 1918, and served until her death in March, 1924. We feel that to her comprehensive knowledge of the work of the entire Church and her sympathy in the work of the three merging bodies, there arose within our Society a feeling of interest and confidence in all that we were trying to do and we are glad that we had for so many years her wise counsel and guidance.

We take this opportunity also in introducing to the Church the new Executive Secretary of our Women's Executive Board, Miss Amelia D. Kemp, formerly of Baltimore, Maryland, who will enter upon her duties August 1, 1924.

Outlook for the New Biennium

In reviewing the past biennium with all its achievements we are looking forward to the new biennium with renewed hopes that our aim and our

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desire for greater and enlarged work may be the desire of all the women of the Church.

We submit therefore the following Budget for the next biennium.

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM

Home Field

Appropriations, Support of Home Missions	$80,000
Appropriations, Church Extension	75,000
Immigrant Missions, Education of Students	10,000
Inner Missions, Settlement Work, Pittsburgh	4,800
Inner Missions, Port Work (for one year)	2,000
Jewish Work, Woman Assistant, Philadelphia, Pa.	2,400
Board of Education, Salary Women Students' Secretaries	6,000
West Indies, Support of Missionaries and Children's Homes	18,200
Board of Ministerial Relief	10,000
Total for Home Field	$224,320

Foreign Fields

Africa:	
Salaries	$16,000
Budget	10,000
Travel Appropriation	7,000
Building	15,000
	$48,000
India:	
Salaries	$55,000
Budget	110,000
Travel Appropriation	18,000
Building, including a Memorial for Mrs. Helen C. Beegle	50,000
India Colleges, Madras and Vellore	4,000
Training School, Madras	1,000
	$238,000
Japan:	
Salaries	$15,000
Budget	30,000
Travel Appropriations	3,000
Building	50,000
	$98,000
South America:	
Salaries and Budget	$14,000
Total Budget for Foreign Field	$398,000

General Appropriations

Literature Committee	$41,724
Departments	15,000
Biennial Convention	12,000
Medical Education	10,000
Administration: Office, Salaries, Executive Board	30,000
Contingent Fund	18,956
Total	$127,680

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SUMMARY

Home Missions	$224,320
Foreign Missions	398,000
General Appropriations	127,680
Total	$750,000

Respectfully submitted,
MISS FLORA PRINCE,
MRS. H. C. MICHAEL.

Mrs. Kepner addressed the Convention, bringing the greetings of the Society, and giving a brief resume of the varied and extensive activities of the Society during the past biennium. She spoke of two memorials, one asking the Church to deliver an opinion against war, the other memorializing the Convention to take account of the whole status of religious instruction as related to the public school system of education, with a provision for a survey. She requested that the Rev. W. C. Schaeffer be called upon to give the resolution relating to the second matter.

The Rev. C. A. Freed made response to Mrs. Kepner on behalf of the Convention.

Miss Amelia Kemp, the new Executive Secretary of the Women's Missionary Society, was introduced.

The report of the Committee on Women's Work, incorporating that of the Women's Missionary Society, was then adopted.

The President stated that the matter contained in the first memorial of the Women's Missionary Society had already been acted upon by the Convention, and that the second matter might be presented.

Thereupon the Chairman of the Committee of Reference and Counsel submitted the following resolution prepared by the Rev. W. C. Schaeffer summarizing the memorial:

Be it resolved:

1. That we take cognizance of the fact that in many of the States in which our United Lutheran Church has congregations and schools, both in legislative assemblies and by State Departments of Education, rulings and decisions vitally affecting the cause of Christian education are in process of consideration and enactment.

2. That we propose as a minimum program for practical operation that

(a) Congregations everywhere endeavor to qualify for educational efficiency in religious instruction, and

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(b) That where congregations thus qualify request be preferred to the public school authorities for an allotment of time for the withdrawal of children for religious instruction; and

3. That a commission be appointed to make a survey of the rulings, decisions and legislative enactments in the States represented among the constituency of the United Lutheran Church in America, and that this commission be authorized to offer suggestive and helpful counsel looking to favorable enactment, in the centers where sentiment is crystalizing.

The Committee recommended that this matter be referred to the Parish and Church-School Board with power to appoint the commission suggested in Item 3, said commission to be under the Parish and Church-School Board. The recommendation was adopted.

The next special order for the afternoon was taken up, and the Rev. H. A. Weller presented the report of the Commissioners to the National Lutheran Council.

REPORT OF COMMISSION TO THE NATIONAL LUTHERAN COUNCIL

With regret that the support of the participating bodies to The National Lutheran Council's administrative fund has made it unwise to publish the Annual Reports of the Council for general distribution, your Commissioners feel the necessity of entering at some length upon their biennial report to the Convention.

Closely following the last biennial convention of the United Lutheran Church, and while The National Lutheran Council was continuing and extending its great relief work in Russia, Dr. Lauritz Larsen, its President, was called to his eternal reward, January 28, 1923. Dr. Larsen's abilities to sustain high relations, and his labors in the cause of relief to the famine-stricken peoples in Europe, may best be summed up in the message of the Honorable Herbert Hoover to Mrs. Larsen:

"In my long association with men who have devoted themselves to the relief of innocent sufferers from the errors of peoples and the brutalities of war, no one name stands out more nobly than that of your husband. He was faithful, wise and just. The American Relief Administration was happy in association with him. My fellow-workers and I crave the privilege of sharing in your grief at his loss and in your pride that he was one of the finest type of an American citizen."

Dr. Larsen's death put The National Lutheran Council to a severe test. The workman had gone; but the work for which he gave his life dared not falter nor stop. At an extra meeting of the Council, called by the Vice-

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President, suitable resolutions were adopted seeking to give expression to our sorrow, our prayers, and our appreciation of the ability and devotion which made this man give up his life that others might live.

At the extra meeting, held in Chicago, Ill., February 16, 1923, it was determined to divide the duties of the office of President, and to elect an Executive Director. The Reverend Dr. C. H. L. Schuette, of the Joint Synod of Ohio, was elected to the presidency, and the Reverend Dr. John A. Morehead was called to the office of Executive Director.

It is but right, in passing, that official cognizance should be taken of the devotion and sacrifices which Reverend O. C. Mees brought to the office of the secretariat of the Council during Dr. Larsen's absences in Europe, and in the interim between the demise of President Larsen and the reorganization of The National Lutheran Council.

With the creation of the office of Executive Director, apart from the office of the presidency of the Council, it became necessary to define particularly the scope and duties of the office so created. This was done under the following resolutions:

DEFINING THE AUTHORITY AND DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

With the understanding that this new office created under the name of Executive Director of the National Lutheran Council comprise the duties and authority previously vested in the two offices, namely, that of the presidency of The National Lutheran Council and that of the chairmanship of the European Commission, be it therefore

Resolved, That the Executive Director have complete executive authority in all matters pertaining to The National Lutheran Council, both here and abroad under the Articles of Agreement of the Council.

Resolved, That in matters of major importance, especially in matters which involve new action, extraordinary expenditures, or changes and modifications of policy, the Executive Director shall consult with and secure the consent of the Executive Committee of The National Lutheran Council.

Those who come in touch with the acute needs that present themselves from time to time, only through official reports, can scarcely conceive what this change in administration meant in the face of the constructive action and special relief immediately necessary, particularly in Russia and the Central Powers. Though the necessity for reorganization of the work for the accomplishment of the domestic ends of the Council, aside from provision for the heavy office work and the completion of Relief activities, was pressing, the urgent need in Europe made it necessary to send the Executive Director immediately to Europe to be in personal contact with the Russian unit of the American Relief Administration in Moscow, and, through that agency, with the Soviet Government. The months of labor and thought which the Executive Director had to devote in personally working out the business engagements with the American Relief Association and the Soviet Government resulted not only in opening the way, but in the saving of literally hundreds of thousands of dollars to The National Lutheran Council, or, otherwise expressed, in doing with the money we

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had a relief work that literally represented these hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Not only in Russia, but the immediate need in Central Europe demanded almost superhuman devotion and sacrifice on the part of the Executive Director in organization, planning and execution. In this connection too much cannot be said of the relief the Executive Director obtained through the commissioning and sending of the Reverend Dr. C. Theodore Benze upon the ground. Had not such excellent relief been found through Dr. Benze's devotions, thousands upon thousands of dollars would have had to be expended to accomplish the work which has been done, under the grace of God, through statesmanlike administration and agreements with governments, communities and institutions.

Re-Orientation of the Council

At the Buffalo Convention of the United Lutheran Church a series of resolutions concerning the activities of The National Lutheran Council, together with the necessities for reorganization which came upon the Council, as above detailed, The National Lutheran Council put into effect the following:

A. In accordance with the Regulations Governing The National Lutheran Council, it is not a federation, but only a representative agency of the general bodies supporting it and exists for specific purposes.

1. It is recommended that the term "constituent bodies" in the first sentence in Article II of the Regulations Governing The National Lutheran Council be understood as meaning nothing more than "participating" bodies.

2. It is recommended that the letter heads and literature of The National Lutheran Council carry the following statement: "An Agency for," to be followed by an alphabetical list of the participating bodies.

3. The National Lutheran Council should use the regular Commissioners on all its committees. In an emergency, however, committees may be appointed outside of the Commissioners, but with the consent and approval of the president of the participating bodies.

4. It is recommended that The National Lutheran Council shall not hold formal membership in other agencies of the general bodies.

B. The work of the Council properly falls into two divisions, *viz.*, Regular Work and Emergency Work.

C. Regular Work.

1. Representation of the Lutheran Church in its attitude towards
   a. The National Government whenever needed. This is not to exclude direct approach to the government which any general body may wish to make.
   b. Organized bodies and movements outside of the Lutheran Church that may require common action. This is to be undertaken only after consultation with the authorities of the general bodies.

2. Statistics: includes the Year Book (The Lutheran World Almanac and Annual Encyclopedia). It is to be directed by the Council itself in consultation with the statistical authorities of the general bodies. With reference to general bodies not supporting The National Lutheran Council it may seek cooperation with their statistical authorities.

3. Reference Library: A center of valuable information for the Church in general.

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4. **Publicity**: (Note: This includes publicity not primarily for The National Lutheran Council, but for the whole Lutheran Church and for the general bodies in particular; also the development of the idea of publicity among the Lutheran congregations, the publication of literature designed not to teach but to promote knowledge of the Lutheran Church, the supervision of general Lutheran anniversaries and similar occasions in which the general bodies are interested.)

5. Additional items of regular work may be undertaken only with the specific consent of the general bodies which support The National Lutheran Council.

D. Emergency Work.

1. To bring physical help to Lutherans in countries affected by war, famine and other calamities.

2. As far as possible to grant to groups, which, according to their confession, are true Lutherans, the material aid which is essential to the reconstruction of their Church work.

3. In cooperation with the Foreign Missions Conference to sustain by gifts and loans Lutheran missionary societies in different countries which without this help from America would be ruined or at least be essentially hampered in their mission. For the purpose of this emergency work, The National Lutheran Council may, until the emergency has passed, hold membership in the Lutheran Foreign Missions Conference.

4. To operate for the general bodies in any new emergencies which may arise. This may be done, however, only with the consent of the *ad interim* executive authorities of the general bodies.

5. Whenever any emergency work is to be conducted it shall be carried on by a separate emergency department of The National Lutheran Council in case it cannot be conducted by the executive office itself. This special department is to be discontinued as soon as the emergency ceases.

E. Finances of Regular Work.

It is estimated that the cost of this service to the Church will be $30,000 per year. In accordance with the articles of agreement (XV) this amount shall be apportioned on the general bodies which support The National Lutheran Council, beginning January 1, 1923.

F. Finances of Emergency Work.

1. The present emergency shall be arranged as soon as possible so that it will be carried on to its conclusion entirely by a special department of The National Lutheran Council. The National Lutheran Council expresses its conviction that the relief work in Europe should be continued and recommends to the participating bodies that an appeal for funds be made.

2. All new emergencies which may arise and which are to be cared for by The National Lutheran Council, in accordance with D-4 and 5 above, shall be financed by special methods which are to be consented to by the *ad interim* executive authorities of the general bodies.

G. *Resolved*, That the president and treasurer of The National Lutheran Council present to the presidents of the participating bodies an itemized statement of the expenses that enter into the $30,000 budget and also suggestions for the proposed appeal for the continuance of the relief work.

FOREIGN MISSION AND EUROPEAN RELIEF

It needs not that we detail further than to append a statement showing

a. Funds raised for European and Foreign Mission Relief up to August 22, 1924;

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b. Sources of these contributions in a synodical sense;
c. Expenditures for all purposes to August 22, 1924.

Nevertheless, it must not be forgotten that during the biennium the call for relief to Foreign Missions of European Societies in China, India and Africa has not abated. While in the main this work must go steadily on for a considerable number of years, if it is to be saved from irreparable loss, the Council is active in permanent disposition of former mission fields of European Societies. Part of the Leipsic Society's field in South Africa will probably be permanently occupied by the Augustana Synod; part of the China field of the Berlin Society has been taken over by the Board of Foreign Missions of our United Lutheran Church. It is clear that many such fields have been saved to the Lutheran Church through The National Lutheran Council.

While the Council has continued a measure of relief to fellow-believers in the smaller countries of Europe during the past biennium, its vital activities have been concentrated first in Russia, and, during the last year, in Germany.

Russia.—To the present time the value of at least *one million dollars* in money, food and clothing, has been expended in Russia. This relief can scarcely be estimated in its physical value; but greater than that has been the moral and spiritual force and rehabilitation which such relief has brought to our brethren in Russia. We would not burden this report, but we deem it essential to a better understanding of what we mean when we speak of moral and spiritual support, that we call attention to the recent organization of the Evangelical Lutheran General Synod of Russia, as an indication how worth while and fruitful this work has been in the promotion of the kingdom of Christ.

For the first time since the existence of Lutheran congregations in Russia, clerical and lay representatives from all parts of the country, stretching from the East of Siberia to the Crimea, gathered in Moscow, June 21-26, 1924, to discover a *modus vivendi* for the Evangelical Lutheran Church, under entirely new political conditions, to form an organization entirely separate from the State, and to lay broadly and truly the foundation for future development in order that the Church of the Reformation may accomplish its divine mission in Russia. Surely, the policy of the Lutherans in America and other parts of the world who extended fraternal help to their brethren in Russia during the utter distress of the famine, stands more than justified. Hitherto no Evangelical faith enjoyed the right of organized expression in Russia. True, a general consistory was established by the government during the reign of Nicholas I in 1832; but this in effect made the Czar to be the head of the Church, even where organization of congregations was permitted in the Empire within limits of particular races concerned. Though synods and consistories were permitted for Lutheran people who immigrated from Germany, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Fin-

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land, Esthonia, and Latvia, the government of the Church was from above downward, and had a civil, centralized, if not autocratic, character.

Surely it is an event without parallel in the life of the Church that, since the foundation of Evangelical Lutheran congregations in Russia in the sixteenth century, the constitution of the union of Soviet republics has guaranteed freedom of faith by law. It promises not to swerve from the principle of liberty of conscience, and the permission to all believers to engage in the exercise of their religion without let or hindrance.

It will not be amiss to note in this report, for the sake of exemplifying the influence which brought itself to bear for reconstruction in the Church in Russia through the activities of our relief agencies, especially our National Lutheran Council, how, in the adoption of a constitution for the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Russia, two conceptions became prominent. On the one side were those who contended for the centralization of authority in the interest of avoiding the evils of "unrestrained parliamentarianism with its elections, intrigues, and party quarrels."

The advocates of this view also contended for the election of the higher clerical officers for life in the interest of the quiet and orderly development of the life of the Church. On the other side were those who contended strenuously for the absolute right of the congregations to participate actively in the management of the affairs of the Church in their districts, and through local constituent synods in the general Church administration by the General Synod. The advocates of this contention insisted that the preservation of the congregational and synodical principles is the imperative demand of the present time. In how far they profited in the organization of the General Synod by what had been told them concerning our organization in America may be gathered from the fact that the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Russia is now organized upon the following bases: (*a*) Individual congregations with the Church Council, or pastorates with their Church Council; (*b*) District Synods with their presidents; (*c*) The General Synod with its Superior Church Council. We of the United Lutheran Church, who have a real understanding for such administration, may well rejoice in our hope that, independent of exterior situation, the Lutheran Church in Russia is now organized upon a basis which promises the largest development. It remains for the Superior Church Council, on the basis of the decree of separation of Church and State, to obtain from the United Soviet Government permission to give public catechetical instruction with a view to confirmation at any time and in any place. This also it is prayerfully hoped may be attained.

We of the United Lutheran Church in America, through the agency of The National Lutheran Council, have contributed what we could; and we will be deeply moved with gratitude to God on account of all that He has enabled our brethren to accomplish in the first convention of the General

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Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Russia. Well might we join our voices with those of the delegates to that Synod who, at three important points of that first convention, sang, "A Mighty Fortress is Our God." The Lutherans of Russia have won a great victory over historical tradition and untoward circumstances, by the development of an organization out of the principles of the Gospel, for the service of the Gospel, without leaning on any human arm.

Germany.—In Germany, during the past year, a very large sum of money has been expended for the relief of needy Inner Mission institutions, thousands of pastors, and hundreds of thousands of children and other needy people of the congregations. Since last November about five hundred thousand pounds of clothing, new and old, has been distributed to needy institutions, families and individuals in Germany, through organized Church Committees under The National Lutheran Council's initiative. A food package department has been established, as a part of the relief machinery of the Council, with great success, as the appended statement will show. The Church free table plan has resulted in the strengthening of the moral position of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Germany, as well as in feeding the hungry and saving and rescuing the lives and faith of thousands more.

From the beginning 2,964,016 pounds of clothing have been given by the Lutherans of America for whom The National Lutheran Council is the common agency for relief in Europe. At the time of the writing of this report (August 25, 1924) the sum of $2,712,048.09 in money has been contributed for European and Foreign Mission relief. The total value of all these gifts in clothing, food and money amounts to at least six and a half million dollars. It must be noted, however, that our method of administration, the stimulation of local giving among the Lutherans of Europe, and the cooperation received in this work of Christian mercy has resulted in a far larger sum contributed to relief and moral and spiritual blessings which none but the Lord Himself will measure, through the abundance of His grace added to our gifts. Well may we thank God for what He has wrought through the agency of The National Lutheran Council.

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Expenditures for Relief and Reconstruction to August 22, 1924.

European and Other Countries:

France	$114,821.63
Germany	767,910.55
Poland	305,245.54
Austria	86,547.14
Czecho-Slovakia	49,963.75
Roumania	84,216.54
Finland	49,838.00
Esthonia	32,873.20
Hungary	78,013.06
Lithuania	4,342.59
Latvia	50,116.90

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Bulgaria	100.00
Danzig	3,898.21
Jugo-Slavia	14,450.79
Ukraine	12,500.00
Italy	1,492.00
Siberia	2,015.14
Russian Refugees	8,000.00
Russia	346,201.02
Spain	2,776.64
Turkey	204.00
Switzerland	25.00
South America	476.93
American Friends Relief	204.00
Near East Relief	6,448.45
China Famine Fund	14,536.00
Emergency Relief	1,151.25
Clothing Relief	198,984.17
Industrial Relief	1,795.00
European Relief Council	952.07
Orient Mission Society	12.00
Japanese Emergency Relief	2,337.48
Foreign Missions:	
China	227,366.81
India	134,951.98
Japan	12,299.25
Persia	55.00
Africa	94,926.00
	$2,712,048.09

Statement of Food Package Department

Cost of Food, Operation etc.:

Market Value of Food Packages Purchase to August 22, 1924.

8000—No. 1000 @ $10.00.....	$80,000.00			
2000—No. 2000 @ 10.00.....	20,000.00			
510—No. 3000 @ 7.75.....	3,952.50			
				$103,952.50
Cost of Food Packages:				
4000—No. 1000 @ $7.60.....	$30,400.00			
4000—No. 1000 @ 8.40.....	33,600.00			
		$64,000.00		
2000—No. 2000 @ 7.80.....		15,600.00		
500—No. 3000 @ 5.55.....	2,775.00			
10—No. 3000 @ 5.75.....	57.50			
		2,832.50		
			$82,432.50	
Incidental Expenses:				
Printing and Postage.....		$343.48		
Expenses in connection with delivery in Germany reported to date		26.26		
			369.74	
				82,802.24
Total savings and profit for use in general relief.....				$21,150.26

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Business Exhibit in Detail:

Market Value of Food Packages donated at various dates since December, 1923:

7845—No. 1000	@	$10.00.....	$78,450.00	
1903—No. 2000	@	10.00.....	19,030.00	
384—No. 3000	@	7.75.....	2,976.00	
				$100,456.00

Cost of Food Packages Donated:

3978—No. 1000	@	$8.40.....	$33,415.20	
3867—No. 1000	@	7.60.....	29,389.20	
1903—No. 2000	@	7.80.....	14,843.40	
384—No. 3000	@	5.55.....	2,131.20	
			79,779.00	
				$20,677.00

Packages sold and delivered for individuals and congregations:

153—No. 1000	@	$10.00.....	$1,530.00	
93—No. 2000	@	10.00.....	930.00	
112—No. 3000	@	7.75.....	868.00	
			$3,328.00	

Cost of Packages sold:

131—No. 1000	@	$7.60.....	$995.60	
22—No. 1000	@	8.40.....	184.80	
93—No. 2000	@	7.80.....	725.40	
112—No. 3000	@	5.55.....	621.60	
			2,527.40	
				$800.60

Market Value of Food Packages on Hand in Hamburg:

2—No. 1000	@	$10.00.....	$20.00	
4—No. 2000	@	10.00.....	40.00	
14—No. 3000	@	7.75.....	108.50	
			$168.50	

Cost of Packages on Hand:

2—No. 1000	@	$7.60.....	$15.20	
4—No. 2000	@	7.80.....	31.20	
4—No. 3000	@	5.55.....	22.20	
10—No. 3000	@	5.75.....	57.50	
			126.10	
				$42.40

Gross savings and profit of Food Package Department	$21,520.00
Less incidental expenses	369.74
Total savings and profit for use in general relief	$21,150.26

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Receipts of Campaigns of The National Lutheran Council

Synod	Reconstruction ($500,000)	Clothing (@ 25c. a lb.)	1920 Appeal ($1,800,000)	1921 Appeal ($1,250,000)	1922 Appeal ($850,000)	(Aug. 20th) 1923-1924 Appeal ($1,500,000)	Total
United Lutheran Church	$258,973.13	$103,778.96	$585,404.43	$285,173.91	$232,071.43	$371,211.87	$1,836,613.73
Joint Synod of Ohio	99,690.90	28,031.90	179,615.51	45,165.60	62,857.21	132,061.71	547,422.83
Iowa Synod	53,822.98	16,418.05	6,500.65	8,499.89	1,288.16	43.50	86,573.23
Buffalo Synod	1,826.30	666.63	3,451.41	1,759.55	1,472.51	3,794.67	12,971.07
Immanuel Synod	153.38	.....	27.00	20.69	.....	.....	201.06
Jehovah Conference	85.50	214.25	457.00	356.26	382.50	120.00	1,615.51
Augustana Synod	43,052.07	20,316.95	141,683.24	35,569.95	40,050.13	43,470.73	324,143.07
Norwegian Synod	133,409.68	66,055.76	191,793.17	73,142.93	42,777.45	71,286.79	578,465.78
Lutheran Free Church	3,376.78	3,517.41	12,018.75	2,755.76	967.82	4,533.08	27,169.60
Eielsen Synod	169.35	1.00	250.83	115.27	168.05	354.93	1,059.43
Lutheran Brethren	18.00	240.63	343.60	57.17	60.42	43.00	762.82
United Danish Synod	5,979.96	6,513.30	17,702.88	5,629.78	2,955.33	4,731.35	43,512.60
Danish Synod	959.37	1,540.42	4,229.95	1,418.64	2,135.44	2,728.09	13,011.91
Icelandic Synod	241.20	259.07	605.41	1,365.02	31.45	329.70	2,831.85
Suomi Synod	586.69	544.44	1,965.62	1,352.07	320.68	297.91	5,060.41
Finnish National Church	124.92	30.25	992.17	788.21	.....	7.40	1,942.95
Finnish Apostolic Church	28.55	216.07	158.65	49.10	16.00	9.10	477.47
Synodical Conference	13.00	581.63	168.39	1,552.60	105.58	84.49	2,500.69
Independent	881.50	100.00	3,044.91	135.35	913.00	560.00	5,634.66
Unknown	24,839.38	30,300.68	55,823.80	106,321.93	14,207.96	10,642.91	242,136.66
Totals	$628,232.64	$279,327.40	$1,206,252.37	$571,202.57	$402,781.12	$646,311.23	$3,734,107.33
					* 3,424.36	4,946.11	8,370.47
						Grand Total	$3,742,477.80

* Christmas Seals.

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Continuation of Relief Work Essential

Grateful as we may be for the privileges of the past, we must not blind ourselves into an idea that the work is done. We have helped out of the deep waters into a floating canoe; but all the work of the past will have been but in vain if we stop short of furnishing the rescued with the means for propelling the canoe to the sure foundations of the shore. The reliable reports from Germany point out that while the form or objects receiving help will be somewhat different this fall and winter, the measure of the help required to serve vital purposes of relief and reconstruction will be almost as great as last winter. The homeless children, the impoverished people of the upper classes, including pastors, have permanently lost their savings and, if old, or if able to work, are not receiving enough income to support them. The Church press, the Predigerseminare, students and professors, and poor families of the congregations, will be, if possible, more needy the coming winter than they were last winter.

In Russia the Church is organized, but *on faith*. They have not the means to maintain their pastors or even their new church organization. From reliable sources comes clear information that famine exists in Siberia and is beginning again, on account of the failing of harvests, in the Volga Valley. Into the office of The National Lutheran Council pitiful appeals are pouring from Russia. At this critical time in the history of our Russian Church the Lutherans of America must and will stand loyally by their brethren there.

In order to preserve the property and people of the orphaned mission stations of the Church, the continuation of Foreign Mission Relief is absolutely essential.

Reference to the reports of campaigns printed above will show that though perhaps a little less enthusiastically than before and because of industrial conditions in America, our people of the supporting bodies of the Church have not grown blind nor deaf to the cries and needs of their brethren of the Church in European lands and Foreign Mission countries. High pressure, war-drive methods, have given and must give way to the regular machinery of the Church in all participating bodies for the gathering of the people's gifts for benevolence synodically. Such was the method employed under the direction of the general appeal manager, Rev. O. C. Mees, in the appeal of 1923-24. The results of that method are eloquent. From a further statement appended, showing the World Service expenditures from December 1, 1923, to August 20, 1924, it will appear that the balance in the treasury of the Council for all purposes, August 20, 1924, is $258,145.51.

World Service Expenditures from December 1, 1923-August 20, 1924.

Russia	$8,863.90
Germany	417,880.14
Poland	1,467.00
Austria	11,473.00
Roumania	5,050.00
Latvia	14.00
Esthonia	50.00

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*Czecho-Slovakia	4,333.00
Danzig	1,056.00
Jerusalem	25.00
Jugo-Slavia	200.00
Bulgaria	100.00
Hungary	3,000.00
France	30.00
India	28,342.70
China	27,801.25
Africa	14,062.50
Japan Emergency	664.28
Armenian Relief (Special)	30.00
European Commission Expense	4,444.08
Lutheran World Convention	5.97
Lutheran World Almanac	47.96
World Service Appeal:	
Salaries	6,445.25
Postage	11,519.03
Printing	20,912.83
Appeal Expense	2,338.61
General Expense	11,455.80
Christmas Seals	477.25
	$582,089.55

Total balance in the treasury of the Council for all purposes, August 20 1924, $258,145.51.

In the application of its relief work, and its contacts with Lutherans of many countries, there was born, in The National Lutheran Council, a conviction which was suggested to its participating bodies and accepted by them as being good, that the time had come in the progress of the Church of the Reformation in the world for a closer conference and a more intimate understanding of one another among the leaders and people of the Church hitherto influenced and led by national or geographical circumstantialities. Naturally, The National Lutheran Council had to confine its activities in this respect to the initiation of such a movement, and an invitation to American constituent bodies to appoint the American Committee which should bring about what has now passed into history as the Lutheran World Convention at Eisenach. Such is the beginning of a history which is in the making by the direct activities of the Evangelical Lutheran Church bodies all over the world who participated in the convention at Eisenach in 1923, the report of which will be brought to this convention at length by the delegates of the United Lutheran Church. It is meet, however, that this record be inscribed in this report; and that the prayers of the Church unitedly promote this work. Not a little matter of congratulation is it that the Executive Director of The National Lutheran Council has been chosen with great confidence as the chairman of the Executive Commission of the

* Since the above statement was made out, $2,000.00 has been sent to Bishop Georg Janoska for the help of retired pastors, widows and orphans of pastors and inner mission institutions of our brethren in Czecho-Slovakia.

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Lutheran World Convention. His work and his contacts, made possible through his office in the Council, have, under God, made him the logical presiding officer of that important body.

The Work at Home

When it is kept in mind that all the detail of the work of relief of Foreign Missions and European countries is practically burdened upon the heart, mind and hands of the Executive Director of The National Lutheran Council; and when to this is added upon him the detailed work of the office, entailing large correspondence of great moment, now specially multiplied by the return of the last responsible American agent in Europe for the Council, it will be understood that the work at home, for which the Council was conceived and exists as a common agency for its participating bodies is still largely before us.

So far as humanly possible the home work has not been neglected. Little can be published of the frequent representations of our Lutheran bodies, through the Exectuive Director of the Council, at our government headquarters where the securing of information and counsel as to wise action in matters of relief, both in Russia and in Germany, is a matter of no little moment. Little may be known, but much has been accomplished by personal contact in regard to the safety and welfare of Lutheran missionaries in bandit-ridden China. It is not a mean matter to consider what patience and statesmanship was required to approach the French government, through the American Embassy in Paris, to secure the official assurance of freedom to conduct relief work unmolested in the Ruhr district; or, through the American Embassy in Berlin, to secure the free use of warehouses and free transportation for our relief supplies on the German railways. For the sake of the largest possible assistance toward the needy Foreign Missions, it has been necessary to keep in constant touch with the International Foreign Missions Council, whose secretaries have cooperated with our National Lutheran Council most cordially and helpfully, to safeguard the interests of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. Such negotiations, often too delicate to be made public, have been and are of the greatest importance to the Church. Aside from these, The National Lutheran Council and its Executive Director have stood ready and been almost constantly engaged in serving special interests of individual bodies participant in the membership of the Council.

The Publicity Bureau of The National Lutheran Council has furnished seventy Church papers, together with many news workers, regularly a weekly bulletin, giving outstanding domestic and international Lutheran news. Editors of Church papers express high appreciation of this service. Thousands of these news items have found their way into the columns of the papers; and a broader and truer Lutheran consciousness is developing thus in our Lutheran Church public. To the dailies and weeklies of the country Lutheran news stories and items of public interest are sent regu-

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larly by the thousands, and an encouraging percentage of these find welcome publication.

The Reference and Statistical Departments have contributed, in an important way, to the Church's Publicity Service, and are ever ready to supply correct and complete statements of facts. In this way they have been specially helpful in preparing material concerning the Lutheran Church, both in America and in the world, for the Year Books of the Churches, Encyclopedias and other source-books of public information concerning Lutherans. Beside this general service of statistics, references and publicity, special service has been undertaken under proper conditions for participating bodies especially. As an example of such may be cited the fact that the Executive Director of The National Lutheran Council is the coordinating agent for the news bureau, which sends out the authentic reports of the present convention of the United Lutheran Church.

It is due to say that the accumulation of work which is entailed upon the Executive Director of the Council, with many details which could as well have been performed by employees, has become necessary because of the shortcoming of the participating Lutheran bodies in meeting the budget for administration. Our own United Lutheran Church may feel in enviable position, yet it remains true that it also has fallen short of meeting its entire budget undertaken toward The National Lutheran Council. This can be corrected, and when the United Lutheran Church realizes what the budget system, reported regularly to its Executive Board, entails, it will arise to meet its small obligation, comparatively, and enable the Council to perform its work of administration without constant fear of inadequate financial support, and without burdening every detail upon the mind and hands of one man whose services are far more valuable and will be far more effective in the great work of our Lutheran Church in the world if unhampered by such unreadiness to meet budgeted apportionments. We submit the question whether, for the good of each participating body, including our own United Lutheran Church, it will not be better that the budgeted amount of $30,000, together with the slight necessary increase, as exhibited in the appended statement, be appropriated from our treasuries instead of apportioned to the synods. The matter of increase in the budget for The National Lutheran Council has been presented to the Executive Board of our United Lutheran Church, and will come before the convention under its report.

Synod	Share 1923 Budget	Amount Paid	Share 1924 Budget	Amount Paid	Share Proposed Increase	Amount Paid
United Luth.	$16,127.60	$14,037.60	$16,127.60	$8,426.00	$2,094.79	
Norwegian	5,292.07	5,292.00	5,292.07		687.38	
Augustana	4,080.87	2,020.87	4,080.87		530.06	
Joint Ohio	3,023.73	3,023.73	3,023.73		392.75	
United Danish	326.95	326.96	326.95		42.47	
Lutheran Free	611.35		611.35		79.41	
Danish	297.08	297.08	297.08	297.08	38.59	
Icelandic	105.03		105.03		13.64	
Buffalo	135.32	135.32	135.32		17.57	
	$30,000.00	$25,193.56	$30,000.00	$8,723.08	$3,896.66	$37.92

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RECOMMENDATIONS

(*a*) We recommend that the United Lutheran Church continue its participation in The National Lutheran Council, and appoint a commission to again represent it in said Council.

(*b*) We recommend that the United Lutheran Church pledge its continued generous support of the relief and reconstruction work of The National Lutheran Council, so long as our fellow-believers abroad are in actual need thereof, with the understanding that, as in the past, such future appeals shall be properly recommended by the Council and approved by the participating bodies.

Respectfully submitted for the Commission,

H. A. WELLER, *Chairman.*

The Rev. C. T. Benze addressed the Convention on the state of the Church in Europe, especially in Russia and Germany.

Recommendations (a) and (b) were adopted.

Dr. Weller presented the supplementary report of the Commissioners as follows:

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF COMMISSION TO THE NATIONAL LUTHERAN COUNCIL

Exigencies in the relief task of the National Lutheran Council rendered it imperative that a special meeting of the Council be held October 20, 1924.

The cruel conditions to which our relief work is applied for amelioration still exist in varied forms and countries.

The appeal, sanctioned by the participating bodies in America for funds, etc., in 1924, has failed of any adequate realization for the relief treasury. Our own body fell short of its rightfully expected quota by $374,788.13 for the current year.

It profits nothing to speculate as to causes for this, but the Council and its participating bodies face the result, as they are in Christian fidelity bound to complete the work so nobly begun, so blessedly continued, and not yet ended. Our Church and her people, in prosperous America, do not desire it to fail or fall now. They will betray no Christian trust nor turn deaf ears and folded hands toward the call of the Saviour through the dire needs that have befallen our European brethren, their institutions and other causes of the Church.

With such convictions, and in faith voting a practical depletion of the relief fund balance of $188,455.72 for all foreign relief in its treasury on September 30, 1924, until additional funds be quickly contributed, the

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Council took the following action and submits it to the United Lutheran Church for approval and participation:

1. *Resolved*: That another appeal to the Church be made.
2. That the Council request its participating bodies to authorize another World Service Appeal for $500,000 for relief and construction to be administered on a flexible basis in re foreign mission relief and physical relief to individuals, institutions and other causes of the Church in the several countries in need.
3. That, on account of the pressing immediate need of funds for European relief, reconstruction, and foreign mission support, January 15, 1925, be set as the official date for the beginning of the next World Service Appeal and that funds be collected as expeditiously as possible, so that the entire amount may be gathered by April 1, 1925.
4. That this appeal, which shall not have the nature of a drive or campaign in any sense, be conducted along Synodical lines, the central agency of the Council acting uniformly but in complete harmony with and through the executive authority of each participating body.
5. That the Council immediately authorize, with the consent of the participating bodies, and as a supplementary measure of relief, a general appeal for the gift of used clothing, accompanied by sufficient donations of cash to cover the cost of transportation and distribution, with a view to the extension of aid in this form, mainly, but not exclusively, in Germany, and if possible in Russia.

Remark: While particular countries or objects of relief are mentioned to indicate the practical basis of these recommendations for the gathering of resources for relief and reconstruction, it is felt that the time has come when no particular country should be featured in the appeal, although facts about many and specific needs in various countries are to be detailed. It seems important, for the sake of the true information of the people at home, and for the sake of a true representation of the challenge of actual conditions abroad, that the thought of the conservation of menaced persons or families, constituencies, institutions, and missions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church throughout the world in the presence of many adversaries should be emphasized more and more.

6. That, as a further supplementary measure of relief, the National Lutheran Council shall authorize the continuance of its Food Package Department in order to have the machinery available to purchase food at wholesale prices for gift in relief work, and in order to be in a position to offer to the people of our American congregations the opportunity of helping their relatives and friends abroad, by the gift of Food Packages.

Your commission craves the privilege also to correct an oversight in its report to this body. During the biennium, beside the other faithful servants mentioned, the Rev. W. L. Scheding, who, for more than a year, rendered faithful services with great personal sacrifice and devotion in Russia, during most trying times, returned home in the fall of 1923. What these servants of the Church have rendered and suffered, none but the Great Head of the Church will appreciate.

Respectfully submitted,

THE COMMISSIONERS,
H. A. WELLER, *Chairman.*

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Recommendations 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 were adopted.

The report of the Commission was adopted as a whole.

The President having called for the special order concerning the dissent from yesterday's action on Item 8 of the report of the Committee on Moral and Social Welfare, he requested that by unanimous consent the Convention hear such statement as those dissenting might wish to make.

Thereupon the Rev. Paul Scherer submitted the following:

Feeling that at the present time we should avoid all reference to the right of war, we desire to record our dissent from the action taken by the Convention on Item 8 of the resolutions proposed by the Committee on Moral and Social Welfare.

Signed:

John A. W. Haas
A. H. Holthusen
Herman Brezing
A. H. Durboraw
Geo. W. Nicely
A. Steimle
Paul W. Roth
Frisby D. Smith
A. Pohlman
W. P. Elson
S. G. von Bosse
Theo. O. Posselt
Fred H. Bosch
W. C. Schaeffer
C. P. MacLaughlin
Henry H. Bagger
Behrend Mehrtens
M. F. Troxell
L. B. Wolf
W. H. Stutts
S. J. McDowell
Holmes Dysinger
Oscar Krauch
Wm. J. Miller, Jr.
Luther De Yoe
Edwin Heyl Delk
C. N. Swihart
S. M. Lesher
S. P. Long
W. H. Greever
E. C. Harris
Wm. G. Boomhower
J. B. Guiney
E. A. Sievert
E. E. Stauffer
Paul Scherer

The President thereupon requested unanimous consent that those asserting their conscientious objection might have the privilege of entering their dissent with the statement just read. The President hearing no objection, ordered the statement to be printed in the minutes.

The Rev. William M. Horn offered the following resolution:

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Resolved, That we request the National Lutheran Council, through our Commissioners, to arrange for the publication for 1925 of a Lutheran World Almanac similar to those which it had before distributed.

The resolution was adopted.

The Rev. Paul W. Roth, Chairman of the Committee on the President's Report, reported for the Committee as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We find that the report consists of (1) a statement of the work of the President with the explanation that the largest part of his activities finds report in the proceedings of the Executive Board; (2) a summary of the general situation of our Church, its recognition by the public, its organization and the functioning of its parts, its relationships with both Lutheran and non-Lutheran groups, and its inner spiritual life; (3) the suggestion that a volume be prepared for the help and inspiration of our Constituency under the title, "The Ideal Congregation"; and (4) three recommendations: (a) that at a stated time this Convention engage in special memorial thought of our fallen leaders, Rev. Dr. V. G. A. Tressler and the Rev. Dr. M. M. Kinard; (b) that steps be taken toward a fitting commemoration of the four hundredth anniversary of the Augsburg Confession; (c) that the editors of our official Church papers be instructed to give full publicity to certain new developments in our work.

The recommendation concerning memorial thought of our sainted brethren, the Rev. Dr. V. G. A. Tressler and the Rev. Dr. M. M. Kinard, has already been carried out.

We offer four recommendations:

1. In accordance with the suggestion of our President, we recommend that the Executive Board be authorized directly or through a suitable committee, to arrange for a proper observance in 1930 of the four hundredth anniversary of the presentation of the Augsburg Confession, the plans and program for the same to be submitted to the next convention of the United Lutheran Church for approval.
2. Frankly conceding the fact that the full message of the Gospel is not finding adequate expression in the educational and merciful operations of our Church, and particularly among the individual congregations, we recommend that under the auspices of the Committee on Boards and Committees, joint meetings be arranged among representatives and agencies in these departments, looking to a more complete survey of the situation and the suggestion of practical plans of advance and improvement.

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3. We recommend that the editors of our official Church papers be instructed to prepare an itemized statement of the new developments in the work of the Church listed by the President, and to give full publicity to the same as an encouragement and a stimulus to the entire Church.

4. Deeply grateful to our President for having brought the timely and vital subject of "The Ideal Congregation" to our attention, we recommend the practical worth of such a publication be realized in a continuation of the series of study books begun under the title, "The Key Books"; and since nobody is better qualified to put a vision into concrete form than he who sees it, we therefore recommend further that the President be petitioned by this Convention to undertake the supervision or editing of such publication as he in his own judgment may deem most satisfactory.

In conclusion, your committee commends the President's report to the careful study of every pastor and layman in the Church, not only for the sake of the gratifying information which it brings concerning our progress and achievements during the biennium, but also because such careful study is sure to issue, under the divine blessing, in a better understanding of our Church and in more ideally working congregations.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL W. ROTH, *Chairman,*
ARTHUR S. HARDY, *Recording Secretary,*
F. R. WAGNER,
H. C. BRILLHART,
W. J. SHOWALTER,
A. J. HARTER,
GEORGE N. LAUFFER,
R. NEUMANN,
H. M. M. RICHARDS,
C. E. BUTLER,
W. C. SCHAEFFER,
S. G. VON BOSSE,
O. STOCKMANN,
J. B. FRANKE,
J. W. KAHLER.

Recommendations 1, 2, 3 and 4 were adopted. The report of the Committee was adopted as a whole.

The Rev. F. P. Manhart, Chairman of the Committee on Memorials from Constituent Synods, reported for the Committee as follows:

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS FROM CONSTITUENT SYNODS

I. Invitations were received from four cities to hold the next Convention of the United Lutheran Church in America in them; namely, Erie, Pa.; Detroit, Mich.; Richmond, Va.; and Philadelphia, Pa.

The committee recommends that the next biennial convention of the United Lutheran Church in America be held in Philadelphia or Richmond.

II. *Apportionment.* The Synod of the Northwest, the East Pennsylvania and Rocky Mountain Synods request that communicant rather than confirmed membership be the basis; the Synod of Illinois asks that current expenses be ignored as a basis; the Synod of Kansas states that its apportionment is proportionately too large and asks for a more just basis.

(1) It should be kept in mind that the United Lutheran Church assigns definite amounts to the Constituent Synods, while the method of distributing these amounts to the pastorates is left entirely to the Synods themselves.

(2) That the whole question of the basis of apportionment to the Synods be given further study in the light of all pertinent facts and the experiences of our bodies, and possibly, also, of the methods and experiences of other Christian bodies.

RECOMMENDATION. That the Executive Board appoint a special committee which shall study this problem as above indicated, and furnish a report to the Synods for information in time for the meetings of the Synods to be held in 1925, if possible.

III. (1) *Tabitha Home.* There are requests from the Rocky Mountain and Nebraska Synods that the annual appropriation to Tabitha Home be $15,000.

Answer. The appropriation has been made $13,000.

(2) The Synod of New York asks for certain changes in the Constitution of the United Lutheran Church.

Answer. Action has been taken covering the question of amendments to the Constitution.

(3) The Pittsburgh Synod requests that the United Lutheran Church "print the Occasional Services in German."

Answer. That this be referred to the Common Service Book Committee and the Board of Publication with power to act.

IV. *Iowa Synod.* The Iowa Synod "petitions that a sufficient apportionment be given to the carrying on of the work of the Luther League of the United Lutheran Church."

Answer. That this be referred to the Finance Committee of the Executive Board with power.

V. *Indiana Synod.* The Indiana Synod resolved "That it is the sense of the Indiana Synod that it is not obligated by the actions of the United

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Lutheran Church until such actions have been approved by this Synod."

Answer. Constitution, Article III, Section 6: "Congregations representatively constituting the various Synods may elect delegates through those Synods to represent them in a general body, all decisions of which, when made in accordance with the Constitution, bind, so far as the terms of mutual agreement make them binding, those congregations and Synods which consent to be represented in the general body."

VI. The Susquehanna Synod of Central Pennsylvania requests that the United Lutheran Church arrange to "affiliate and co-operate with the International Council of Religious Education."

Answer. Action concerning this has been taken at this Convention. (See Executive Board's Report, IV, B, 10, and action thereon.)

VII. The Synod of New York and New England memorializes the United Lutheran Church concerning the presentation of causes in the Constituent Synods.

Answer. Action concerning this has been taken.

VIII. The Synod of New York and New England memorializes the United Lutheran Church to "put into effect a larger and continuous program of publicity and advertising and appropriate to its Committee on Publicity $4,000 for the biennium following the Convention in October."

Answer. Resolved, That this be referred to the Budget Committee for an appropriation.

IX. *Memorials Concerning War:*

1. The Synod of New York and New England memorializes as follows:

(a) That the United Lutheran Church decide on using its Committee on Moral and Social Welfare, its Board of Education, its Parish and Church-School Board and other agencies to create a better understanding of the causes and consequences of war and to indicate the methods whereby peace may be maintained.

(b) That the United Lutheran Church declare in favor of a permanent International Court of Justice.

(c) That the United Lutheran Church "recommend to the next Lutheran World Conference to adopt a program of education and action so that the 80,000,000 of Lutherans throughout the world may be enlisted and led in a campaign against war."

(d) That the United Lutheran Church, at its convention in October, consider the advisability of co-operating with other Church bodies in a world-wide and determined endeavor to banish war and substitute peaceful means of settling international controversies.

2. The Iowa Synod "suggests that a definition of a 'just war' shall be sent forth to the world from the United Lutheran Church in America, for the sake of safeguarding the principles of the Gospel of our Lord as held and preached by our Church.

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3. The Ministerium of Pennsylvania made the following declaration:

(a) Wars between nations are the result of human sinfulness and a manifestation of the presence of evil that has not yet been overcome by the power of the Gospel of Christ.

(b) That the only influence in the world that can put an end to war is the power of God the Holy Spirit spread abroad in the hearts of men, through the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and bringing the world to repentance, faith and righteousness.

(c) That under the guidance of the Spirit, the leaders of the nation should earnestly resist political, economic and commercial incitements to war; foster international understanding, sympathy and good will; suppress militarism and national selfishness; seek to adjust disputes between the nations by arbitration rather than by the use of force; and apply the ideals of Jesus to foreign as well as to domestic policies.

Answer. Action covering all of the memorials concerning war has been taken by this Convention of the United Lutheran Church.

X. The West Pennsylvania Synod requests that there be a study of the whole question of the re-marriage of divorced persons and of the rights and duties of pastors in relation thereto, and report to the Convention in 1926.

Answer. That this subject of divorce and re-marriage be referred to the Committee on Moral and Social Welfare to formulate a deliverance on the subject to be presented to the next Convention of the United Lutheran Church.

XI. The New York and New England Synod memorializes the United Lutheran Church to instruct its Parish and Church-School Board (1) to prepare special literature for the Weekday Religious School and the Daily Vacation Bible School, and (2) to prepare a unified religious program for the congregation.

Answer. That the United Lutheran Church hereby instructs the Parish and Church-School Board to comply with these requests.

XII. Time for Conventions of the United Lutheran Church. The Texas Synod prefers September; the Wartburg Synod, June; the California Synod, early summer.

Answer. That these preferences be kept in mind for future consideration.

XIII. The Wartburg Synod memorializes the United Lutheran Church to meet once every three years.

Answer. The Constitution (Article VII, Section 1) provides that a Convention shall be held at least once every two years.

The consideration of Item I was deferred until the representatives of the various cities extending invitations should be heard.

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Item II being taken up, a division was made, and the first section (1) was received as information. The second section (2) was adopted. The recommendation under section (2) was amended so as to read:

"That the Executive Board appoint a special committee which shall study this problem as above indicated and furnish a report to the Synods for information in time for the meetings of the Synods to be held in 1925, if possible."

The recommendation was adopted as amended.

The answers given by the Committee (III, (1), (2), (3)) to the memorials concerning Tabitha Home, changes in the Constitution of the United Lutheran Church and Occasional Services in German were approved by common consent.

The recommendation (IV) referring the petition of the Iowa Synod for an apportionment for the Luther League to the Finance Committee of the Executive Board was approved.

The answer (V) to the resolution of the Indiana Synod was approved.

The answer (VI) to the memorial of the Susquehanna Synod of Central Pennsylvania concerning International Council of Religious Education was approved.

The answer (VII) to the Synod of New York and New England concerning presentation of causes was approved.

The answer (VIII) to the memorial of the Synod of New York and New England concerning program of publicity, advertising, etc., was referred to the Finance Committee of the Executive Board.

The answer (IX) to the memorials of the New York and New England Synod, the Iowa Synod and the Ministerium of Pennsylvania concerning war, approved.

The answer (X) to the memorial from the West Pennsylvania Synod concerning the re-marriage of divorced persons, etc., was referred to the Committee on Moral and Social Welfare, with the understanding that the information as furnished by the West

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Pennsylvania Synod be also referred to that Committee. (The information referred to is to be found in the Minutes of the West Pennsylvania Synod for 1904, page 47, and 1923, page 81, and in the Minutes of the General Synod for 1907, pages 63 and 64.—Secy.)

Reverting to Item I of the report of the Committee, the Convention heard invitations from representatives from the cities of Erie, Detroit, Richmond and Philadelphia.

As a substitute for the recommendation of the Committee, Dr. Burgess moved that the Convention proceed to take a ballot. The motion was carried.

Dr. F. M. Riter and Messrs. W. H. Hager, P. A. Elsesser, G. E. Neff and W. L. Gladfelter were appointed as tellers.

The Committee of Reference and Counsel reported that it had received the following proposal:

"In order that the President of this body may be enabled to act as he may find most advisable under circumstances as they arise, the following is offered as an amendment to the By-Laws, Section VII, B, 14, which reads 'Committee on Necrology.' Add the words 'or Necrologist and such assistants as may be desirable.'"

The Committee recommended the following amendment to Section VII, B, 14, that the item be made to read: "A Committee on Necrology, the Chairman of which shall be recognized as the Necrologist of the United Lutheran Church for the biennium."

The amendment to be acted upon tomorrow.

On motion to adopt the report of the Committee on Moral and Social Welfare, the Convention was reminded that Item 5 had been referred back to the Committee for possible revision.

The Committee moved to amend the item by the striking out of the word "enforcement" and inserting the words "constant inculcation."

The item was adopted as amended.

The report was adopted as a whole.

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Resuming consideration of the report of the Statistical and Church Year Book Committee, recommendation 6 was adopted.

Recommendation 7 is covered by a former action of this Convention.

Recommendation 8 adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole.

Mr. P. A. Elsesser reported for the tellers appointed to take the ballot for the place of the next Convention:

Total number of votes cast, 293; necessary for a choice, 147.

Baltimore	1
Erie	20
Detroit	31
Philadelphia	46
Richmond	195

The President announced that Richmond had been chosen.

The Rev. C. K. Fegley presented the report of the Committee on Publicity, together with recommendation.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICITY

The Committee notes with satisfaction the rapidly increasing attention given to church publicity and advertising, both by religious bodies and the public press. The churches have found publicity and advertising proper aids in prosecuting their work nationally and locally and the public press has come to attach a growing value to church activities as news for their readers. The paid advertisement used in a number of ways has become invaluable to a considerable number of local churches.

Other means of giving news or making announcement of events, such as the circular letter, the "house-organ" or parish paper, the bulletin board, the poster, the illuminated sign are more largely used. Public sentiment is formed more than ever before with the aid of reported opinions of church readers or the pronouncements of church bodies.

Like any other worth-while phase of work, effective church publicity and advertising require proper methods and technique, which entail constant study and development. Large church bodies, like our own, that have been carrying on extensive publicity activities report satisfactory results, both in the stimulus that has come to local and general operations of the church, and in the effect that their interpretation of Christian principles in relation to current questions has had upon the general public.

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Your Committee's work has been limited almost entirely to publicity for the national conventions, in which the Publicity Department of the National Lutheran Council has cooperated. The publicity for the Chicago Convention is being planned and carried out cooperatively after the general program of the Washington and Buffalo conventions. This means the writing up and sending out to a carefully selected number of newspapers in the United States and Canada of reports by the officers of the church, Boards and Committees in advance of the Convention itself; the enlistment of the pastors of the Church; the making of contacts with newspapers and the general news agencies such as the Associated Press and United Press; the securing in advance of addresses from speakers; and numerous other tasks.

The Chicago sub-committee on publicity will have charge of supplying the local papers with reports of the Convention and is also generously equipping the press-room and furnishing the stenographic assistance. An adequate staff of news workers will obtain the news of the convention and furnish it to the reporters of great dailies that will be in attendance and also to the representatives of the general news agencies.

The radio broadcasting which was introduced at the Buffalo Convention will be carried out on a larger scale at Chicago. This has been arranged for by the Chicago committee, chairman, the Rev. David A. Davy, D.D.

A new feature will be a Convention Daily, which will be in charge of a staff from *The Lutheran,* headed by Dr. N. R. Melhorn, who will take full charge and responsibility of the paper.

The planning and execution of the program for the Convention is in the hands of Dr. John A. Morehead, Executive Director of the National Lutheran Council; Mr. W. P. Elson, Publicity Secretary of the National Lutheran Council, and the Chairman and other members of this Committee.

During the biennium members of the Committee have been active in their several localities.

Believing that the Church is ready for a forward step in the work falling within the scope of your committee we submit again the outline which in the main was formulated by the committee at its meeting subsequent to the Washington Convention.

The program of activity shall include:

(1) Reports of conventions, board meetings, and other gatherings of the United Lutheran Church, its constituent Synods and auxiliary organizations.
(2) A continuous service giving the public press information on any important developments.
(3) Plan for publicity throughout the territory of the United Lutheran Church. This will necessitate a force of local volunteer news workers.
(4) The gathering in a depository or "morgue" of valuable material for special and general publicity.

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(5) Giving dignified and adequate publicity to the history, doctrine, cultus and declaration of the Church.
(6) Information to the press of other Church bodies regarding important action of the United Lutheran Church.
(7) A handbook on publicity and advertising, and other material, which will give help and suggestions to pastors.
(8) A large use of the publicity facilities of the National Lutheran Council.

We respectfully recommend that your committee be authorized and given a budget to put the above program into effect.

The Committee:

HOWARD R. GOLD,
M. L. CANUP,
EDWIN HEYL DELK,
C. K. FEGLEY,
C. L. FRY,
W. H. GREEVER,
JESSE R. HILDEBRAND,
WILLIAM L. HUNTON,
HENRY MOEHLING,
W. H. STUTTS,
WILLIAM J. SHOWALTER
A. E. WAGNER.

It was ruled that the portion referring to budget be referred to the Finance Committee of the Executive Board according to a standing resolution. (See Minutes, Wednesday, October 29th, for action.—Secy.)

The recommendation excepting the part referred was adopted.

The Chairman of the Committee on Publicity then presented additional resolutions:

1. We recommend that the Convention ask all the Constituent Synods to co-operate with the National Committee on Publicity through their local synodical committees on publicity.
2. We recommend that the Convention express its hearty appreciation of the uniformly accurate and generous news service rendered the United Lutheran Church in America during this Convention by the various daily newspapers of Chicago and by the principal national wire services through their Chicago representatives, and that the Secretary of the United Lutheran Church in America be instructed to convey this appreciation to the respective newspapers and agencies.
3. We recommend similar action in the case of the Chicago Radio

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Broadcasting Stations known as WEBH, KYW, WLS and WMAQ, all of which served the Convention to a greater or less extent.

Items 1, 2 and 3 were adopted. The report was adopted as a whole.

The closing prayer was offered by the Rev. William E. Crouser.

The Convention adjourned until 8:45 o'clock, Wednesday morning.

Evening Service

A Service was held at eight o'clock P. M.

The Vespers were conducted by the Rev. Theo. Posselt.

The Rev. L. M. Zimmerman presided.

The speakers and their subjects were as follows:

"Spirituality and Morality—How Related"—Rev. E. P. Pfatteicher, D.D., Ph.D.

"Seventy-five Years of American Deaconess Service"—Rev. G. A. Getty, D.D.

SEVENTH MEETING

Morning Session

CONVENTION HALL, EDGEWATER BEACH HOTEL,
Chicago, Ill.
Wednesday, October 29, 8:45 A. M.

Matins were conducted by the Rev. H. B. Stock.

The Convention was called to order by the President.

The Minutes for Tuesday morning and afternoon sessions were read and approved.

The Secretary reported that, according to instructions given by the Convention, he had sent to Mrs. W. C. Stoever, of Philadelphia, the following telegram:

"The United Lutheran Church assembled conveys to you its sympathy and prays that God, our Father, may richly comfort you."

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Taking up the regular order of business, the Rev. J. W. Kapp presented the report of the Lutheran Brotherhood.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE LUTHERAN BROTHERHOOD

The Brotherhood is steadily growing in strength and efficiency month after month. From its organization it has never had a period of recession. Slowly and steadily it has gone forward.

We note especially evidences of its growth in the past biennium along the following lines:

(a) A better appreciation of the Brotherhood and its work in the local congregations and the Church at large. One of our serious difficulties has been the lack of an understanding by the men of our Church of the aims, purpose and possibilities of the organization. It has been a difficult task to get this information to the laymen in a way that would lead them to form themselves into an organization and connect themselves with the National Organization. We have had also to meet misrepresentation, false and misleading statements, efforts to discredit the work and other forms of hindrance; but in spite of these the laymen are becoming acquainted with the real aims and work of the Brotherhood. Everywhere that this information is given they are ready to co-operate in their local congregations and affiliate themselves with the national program.

(b) The dues system has been a source of a good deal of criticism; but after a careful study and much discussion nothing better or as good has been suggested. Where the plan has been given a fair trial, it has been found acceptable to the men and has developed system and order in the work. The plan is not only feasible, but will ultimately produce great results. If only half the men in our Church would have responded to this plan we could have given Saskatoon College fifty thousand dollars for its work, our Pacific Seminary or some other institution fifty thousand dollars, the new building in our South American work twenty-five thousand dollars, and still have left one hundred thousand dollars to devote to other objects recommended by the Executive Board. To do all this it would have cost each man just ten cents a month. We give this for an illustration, merely, as to what can and will be accomplished. We are happy to report that more Brotherhoods are now paying the dues than at any previous time in our history. A sufficient number have done this, this past year, to enable the officers to appropriate a sum sufficiently large to complete the building fund for the boys' dormitory at Kumamoto, Japan, costing over $5000.00.

(c) State and Synodical organizations are being formed throughout the Church. In this way interest is stimulated and information given at first hand. State or Synodical organizations have in some cases taken up local work and accomplished some fine things. A notable instance is that of Ohio. The State Brotherhood has undertaken the raising of $150,000 for the purpose of erecting a new building for the Oesterlen Orphans' Home at Springfield. The men have gone into this work with enthusiasm and its successful conclusion is assured. This, and others of like character, is an

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important undertaking, not only because of what is accomplished, but because it gives the men proof of what they can do when they unite their efforts. It certainly emphasizes the wisdom and points to the imperative necessity of combining the men of the United Lutheran Church into one strong efficient organization in which they will not only learn the great needs of the Church but be practically equipped to meet these needs. Organization for service; the elimination of all needless machinery and the reduction of operating expenses to the minimum required for efficiency are sane principles in the Church as well as in the business world.

It has been the policy of the officers to reduce the overhead expenses to the lowest point consistent with efficiency and to avoid plans that would incur an indebtedness. Much as the committee would like to place one or more men in the field, we have not seen our way clear to do this. For the present other lines of propaganda have been adopted. Much has been done in addresses at Synods, Conferences, Conventions and in local congregations. A large correspondence has been carried on through our Central Office, answering many questions and solving many problems in local Brotherhoods. The *Brotherhood Messenger* is an invaluable aid in the work. Each issue carries excellent programs for the quarter and solves in many cases the question as to how to conduct a Brotherhood meeting. The *Messenger* now has a circulation of 8000, and is steadily growing. At the present rate, within a year, it will easily reach 10,000 copies or more. It is the earnest hope to change the paper from a quarterly to a monthly and enlarge it, in order to discuss Brotherhood aims, plans and problems better, and make a more effective plea to the laymen to enroll themselves in this ever-growing host. From the best information obtainable from reports in our office and synodical Minutes, we estimate that about fifty thousand men are now enrolled in over 1100 organizations reported. Many of these are not reported in our Central Office, through neglect or lack of knowledge of the importance of doing this, etc. We still have much to do to make these men see that the real power of the Brotherhood can only be realized when every Brotherhood is enrolled and every man supports the work according to the plan adopted.

We ask for the adoption of the following:

Your Committee finds that the President of the Brotherhood, Mr. Charles J. Driever, and the group of laymen associated with him, with the wise counsel of the Executive Secretary, have conducted the work in a safe and aggressive manner, and ask that this convention commend them for the faithful work done.

We desire to thank *The Lutheran* for its earnest and able support of the Brotherhood and for its readiness to admit articles about the Brotherhood whenever possible.

We earnestly ask that pastors co-operate with the Brotherhood plans; that they make known to the men the aims, plans and objects of the Brotherhood, and that they seek to bring about the organization of the men and their enrollment in the national organization.

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That Synodical, Conference and City Unions seek to bring about the organization of a Brotherhood in every church and its enrollment in the national organization.

Respectfully submitted,
S. S. WALTZ, *Executive Director.*

The Rev. S. S. Waltz, Executive Secretary of the Brotherhood, addressed the Convention.

The findings of the Brotherhood were approved and the report was adopted.

Dr. Henry C. Roehner presented the report of the Committee on Young People's Associations.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ASSOCIATIONS OF YOUNG PEOPLE

This Committee is in a way a clearing house between the United Lutheran Church and the young people's organization, the Luther League of America, the official young people's society of the United Lutheran Church. It has no prerogatives, or authority for action, it is simply advisory. Permit us to report briefly the following:

The work of the Luther League shows a gratifying progress and efficiency. By those who have been in touch with the life of the Luther League since its inception, it is stated that the organization is in the best condition in its history.

The General Secretary Mr. Harry Hodges, supplies the following statistics of the Luther League:

REPORT OF LAST BIENNIUM

Senior Organizations	674	membership	23,755
Intermediate Organizations	46	membership	1,049
Junior Organizations	148	membership	4,673
	869		29,377

These have contributed:

For local purposes	$29,804.98
For benevolence	15,964.46
	$45,769.44

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BENEVOLENCES FOR 1924

Nova Scotia League....Student Fund
Connecticut League.....Student Fund
New York League.....Erected Seminary Professor's House in Japan
Philadelphia League....Supports Japanese Student in Seminary
North Carolina League..Home and Foreign Mission Objectives—$3,650
South Carolina League..Home and Foreign Mission Objectives—$4,500
Indiana League.....Weidner Institute Equipment
Ohio League.....Hospital Work in India
Minnesota League.....Provide Traveling Missionary for Forest Country
Illinois League.....Furnish room in Japan Girls' School

150 local Leagues support proteges in Indiana

Your Committee sent out a questionnaire to the presidents of Synods for the purpose of gathering information and constructive suggestions on young people's work, to increase the efficiency of our organization. A questionnaire to the presidents of our colleges and seminaries received a hearty and almost unanimous response. As the result of the same, plans are being worked out through the Luther League to follow up the students attending our institutions, and keep them in the young people's work.

It is planned also that young people's work in methods and plans may be presented to the students in the seminaries. Several presidents expressed the thought that definite courses in young people's work should be given in the seminaries.

The result of the investigation has shown that the young people's work is not only growing, but is becoming more and more efficient.

Our Canada League has withdrawn from the Luther League of America because of financial reasons, desiring to use all of its income for its own work. Incidentally it has stated that it desired to select its own topics, having its own special days in mind. Your Committee advised against the step of withdrawal, and trusts that the Canada League will soon ally itself again with the official young people's organization of the United Lutheran Church.

An increasing number of Christian Endeavor Societies are changing to Luther Leagues, and others are affiliating with district and state organizations.

Your Committee endorsed the plan of the Luther League for the raising of a Sustaining Membership Fund.

The ever present problem with your young people's organization, the Luther League, is that of lack of funds properly to carry on its work. It is greatly handicapped because of the lack of money to do its work. It is surprising to see what has been done under tremendous handicaps. Circumscribed and limited by the very nature of its membership, of young people with little or no income, it is expected to do its large

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work, which is one of the hardest and yet one of the most vitally important works of the Church. We believe we do not overstate when we say that there are more and better results in whole souled, unselfish, serving, Christian lives and in efficient Church workers coming through the young people's organizations than possibly through any one other organization of the Church.

The United Lutheran Church must increasingly see the vital importance of its young people's work. It should and must hold a place of prime importance.

The Luther League requires help to do the work which the Church needs have done. Its possible income is woefully inadequate.

There is no other large Church body that expects its young people's organization to maintain itself and the following figures which have been obtained directly from the respective Boards and general secretaries show not only what the various denominations are doing for their Young People's Societies, but at the same time indicate the importance and necessity which they attach to the work:

Methodist Episcopal, North—to the Epworth League—$75,000 a year.
Presbyterian, North—$30,00 a year.
Methodist Episcopal, South—$47,000 a year.
Church of the Brethren—$6,000 a year.
Southern Presbyterian—about $33,000 a year.
Cumberland Presbyterian—4 per cent of the total budget.
Congregational—2¼ per cent of the total budget.
Reformed Church—1½ per cent of the total budget.

These sums are given by the parent bodies to the young people's organizations.

The United Lutheran Church in America has given nothing.

Every one of the above bodies recognizes the need of help and the vital importance of the work. Accordingly they give the help needed.

Our official organization needs help no less than those young people's organizations. We handicap our organization and cripple its efficiency by doing nothing. We believe we shall be neglectful of our obligations as a Church unless we give the help needed.

Your Committee recommends, therefore, that at least the modest amount of one-half of one per cent of the total budget per year be granted our official young people's organization, the Luther League of America, to carry on and extend its work.

Respectfully submitted,

THE COMMITTEE.

Mr. Harry Hodges, General Secretary of the Luther League of America, addressed the Convention.

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The Rev. A. G. Voigt and the Rev. L. B. Wolf also spoke in support of the work of the Luther League.

The report was adopted.

Moved and carried, That the Executive Board be instructed to consider the advisability of merging the Committee of Work Among Boys and the Committee on Associations of Young People, and report to the next Convention.

The Rev. Paul Mennenoeh, Chairman of the Committee on Necrology, presented the report of that Committee, and read the resolution immediately following the names recorded in the report.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NECROLOGY

Your committee reports that during the past biennium ninety-five ministers have by death been called from the sphere of their earthly labors to their rest and reward in the heavenly kingdom. We have also noted the death of sixteen men and women whose lives have stood out prominently in the larger sphere of the church's activities. They brought to these tasks marked faithfulness, vision, energy and accomplishments.

Deceased Ministers.

Name	Born	Ordained.	Died
Altman, Frank DeGraff	Aug. 7, 1855	1882	Oct. 20, 1922
Atkin, Robert	Dec. 22, 1845	1880	Dec. 2, 1922
Aurand, Frederick	May 16, 1838	1872	April 20, 1923
Bailey, Hugh Estil	Dec. 25, 1848	1878	Sept. 8, 1923
Beates, James Fred	Nov. 17, 1856	1884	Aug. 26, 1923
Beates, William Adam	Feb. 4, 1849	1882	June 2, 1923
Becker, Karl William	July 1, 1887	1917	May 31, 1923
Beiderbecke, C. Henry	April 20, 1879	1901	Mar. 30, 1924
Belfour, Edmund	Aug. 9, 1833	1857	Feb. 5, 1924
Berkemeier, Gottlieb C.			Feb. 10, 1923
Billheimer, Thomas Chas.	Oct. 11, 1842	1867	July 5, 1923
Boyer, Harrison D.	June 16, 1878	1912	Sept. 6, 1922
Brecht, George Heinrich	Feb. 15, 1834	1866	Aug. 15, 1923
Breitenbach, John Wm.		1874	Nov. 20, 1923
Brown, Richard Lewis	Mar. 18, 1842	1871	Aug. 7, 1923
Brubaker, John	Nov. 5, 1848	1875	Oct. 14, 1923
Buehler, Prof. H. G.			
Burgdorf, John E.	Oct. 22, 1880		May 30, 1923
Burkett, J. A.			July 20, 1923
Burkhart, J. A.	May 25, 1873		April 26, 1923
Christy, Van Buren	Jan. 23, 1841	1868	July 7, 1923
Crouse, John Henry	1847	1879	Dec. 20, 1922
Derrick, John Bowman	Sept. 22, 1875		Sept. 6, 1922

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Name	Born	Ordained.	Died
Dry, Charles Funk	June 2, 1851	1890	Jan. 26, 1924
Duehrkop, John C. I.	May 14, 1861	1893	May 28, 1924
Efird, Jacob Killian	June 28, 1852	1878	Jan. 9, 1924
Erdman, Asa Edward	June 27, 1852	1877	Aug. 9, 1923
Fahs, William H.	Jan. 3, 1865	1892	Dec. 11, 1923
Finkbiner, J. W.	July 4, 1843	1872	July 11, 1923
Fisher, Oscar W.		1886	May 25, 1922
Focht, John Brown	July 20, 1851	1877	Mar. 10, 1924
Forscht, Augustus C.	May 12, 1859		Nov. 20, 1923
Franke, Ludwig Joseph	April 22, 1862	1886	Jan. 26, 1923
Fulper, Elmer W.	May 1873	1899	Nov. 3, 1922
Garnes, Samuel A.	Jan. 2, 1859	1902	Nov. 30, 1922
Gaver, Martin Daniel	Nov. 14, 1849	1882	Nov. 28, 1923
Gelwicks, Charles A.	Jan. 7, 1835	1858	Nov. 26, 1922
Genzmer, Werner L.	July 17, 1862	1890	Oct. 2, 1923
Gerberich, David G.	March 1, 1863	1891	Jan. 29, 1924
Gringle, Arthur E.	1870		May 25, 1924
Gutleben, John	June 19, 1847	1870	July 21, 1923
Hall, Henry Hosea	April 9, 1844	1870	May 9, 1924
Hamm, Claus M. H.	Feb. 27, 1863	1892	Jan. 16, 1924
Harsh, George Emerson	1854	1878	June 19, 1923
Hausenfluck, John W.	Feb. 14, 1848	1875	Sept. 26, 1922
Heimann, E. N.			Mar. 24, 1923
Holloway, Henry Clay	Sept. 17, 1838	1863	May 5, 1924
Hoskinson, Winfield S.	Oct. 3, 1852		June 29, 1923
Kinard, Michael M.	Feb. 19, 1856	1887	Mar. 13, 1924
Kissel, Albert J.	Sept. 22, 1844		Mar. 9, 1924
Kitzmeyer, John F. W.	May 3, 1868	1893	June 30, 1923
Kling, John	July 1, 1838	1866	Feb. 2, 1923
Koehler, Leonard Charles	Feb. 5, 1850	1879	Jan. 2, 1924
Koser, J. A.	June 24, 1847		July 6, 1924
Kuder, John Henry	May 1, 1852	1882	April 13, 1923
Kurtz, Daniel S.	Mar. 16, 1860	1889	Jan. 22, 1924
Larsen, Lauritz	Nov. 28, 1883		Jan. 28, 1923
Lecrone, D. W.	Nov. 8, 1859	1898	April 25, 1922
Legum, John		1905	July 22, 1923
Linn, Josephus Adolphus	Jan. 22, 1853		Mar. 25, 1923
Linsz, Adam August	Feb. 26, 1845	1869	Aug. 28, 1922
Ludwig, A. T.			July 25, 1924
Meissner, Elias James	June 18, 1853	1877	Dec. 11, 1923
Minter, Elias	Nov. 28, 1836	1877	Dec. 8, 1922
Mueller, Edward J. H.	Oct. 20, 1875	1902	Nov. 22, 1923
Mueller, Walter	May 3, 1853	1883	June 4, 1923
Neudewitz, Eugene E.	Sept. 10, 1863	1896	May 17, 1924
Ott, Hamilton A.	Feb. 11, 1855	1881	Mar. 28, 1923
Pugh, Booz Franklin	Aug. 4, 1847	1877	Mar. 9, 1923
Rehn, Andrew H.	1844		Oct. 3, 1923
Rickert, William Henry	June 4, 1844	1871	Mar. 29, 1924
Riser, Wilbur H.	Dec. 4, 1868	1898	Mar. 17, 1924
Sahm, M. O. T.	April 11, 1853	1879	May 26, 1923
Schaeffer, A. F.	June 29, 1857	1884	Jan. 18, 1923
Seel, George	Sept. 8, 1858	1883	July 19, 1923
Sell, Amos	Mar. 9, 1843	1878	Mar. 30, 1924
Seyler, Levi Youse	May 27, 1884	1911	Feb. 25, 1923

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Shaeffer, James William	July	19, 1860	1889	Sept.	10, 1923
Sibole, Edward E.	Aug.	11, 1840	1873	Mar.	26, 1923
Snyder, George W.	Sept.	14, 1839	1873	Aug.	4, 1923
Sommer, Gustav	July	10, 1859	1884	May	16, 1923
Sowers, Robert R.			1896	June	7, 1924
Spangler, Alexander H.	Feb.	16, 1852	1882	Feb.	21, 1924
Stelljes, John H. M.	Dec.	2, 1880	1907	Nov.	2, 1922
Straub, Harvey Lyman	June	12, 1875	1903	June	14, 1922
Strubel, Grover C.		1896	1918	June	7, 1924
Taylor, A. R.	May	12, 1844	1899	Dec.	2, 1922
Thomas, Abraham Z.	Aug.	8, 1843	1872	Dec.	30, 1923
Thomas, Jacob W.	May	22, 1850	1880	Oct.	24, 1922
Traub, Frank Milton	Oct.	4, 1873	1903	May	7, 1923
Tressler, Victor G. A.	April	10, 1865	1892	Sept.	1, 1923
Waters, James Quigley	Sept.	16, 1835	1864	April	3, 1924
Waters, John Armstrong	July	18, 1857	1888	Oct.	27, 1922
Weigle, Elias Daniel	Jan.	19, 1848	1878	Aug.	27, 1923
Weiskotten, Samuel G.	Dec.	16, 1863	1887	June	18, 1924
Werth, Paul F.				Dec.	22, 1922
Wickman, Martin Henry	Oct.	24, 1889	1912	Sept.	12, 1923
Wolf, Joseph Bittinger	Jan.	9, 1848	1877	Feb.	16, 1923

Laymen and Laywomen.

	Born		Died	
Arbogast, Wilson	Jan.	12, 1851	July	13, 1924
Beegle, Helen C.	Oct.	28, 1849	Mar.	12, 1924
Boyer, Virginia M.	Feb.	23, 1889	May	21, 1922
Brewer, Jessie			Feb.	10, 1924
Chester, Susan Kistler			Feb.	17, 1924
Crabtree, Prof. John T.	May	19, 1846	Nov.	4, 1922
Decker, William	Oct.	15, 1861	May	9, 1924
Gaskell, Robert E.	Feb.	5, 1856	Nov.	24, 1923
Herter, John (Diakon)	July	20, 1875	Jan.	1, 1923
Lantz, Hon. Cyrus R.	Aug.	26, 1842	June	3, 1923
Miller, E. Augustus, Esq.	Dec.	11, 1860	Dec.	4, 1922
Monroe, Susan E.	Oct.	22, 1848	May	17, 1923
Myers, Francis E.	Mar.	16, 1849	Dec.	2, 1923
Patton, Hon. Theo B.	May	6, 18947	Dec.	16, 1922
Remaley, Daniel John.	Nov.	22, 1842	Mar.	9, 1924
Sadtler, Prof. Samuel P.		1847	Dec.	20, 1923
Widle, Chas. A.			April	10, 1923

We recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That we as representatives of the United Lutheran Church lift our hearts and voices in prayer and thanksgiving unto God for the lives of those men and women who have passed out of our midst during the past two years. We are comforted by the thought that the toil and burden-bearing of these are exchanged for the repose of heaven, that the struggle of many years after the likeness of the Master is now completed by their being brought to see Him as He is and to union eternal with Him whom their souls loved. We remember with gratitude the lives of those who

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walked as leaders among us, whose usefulness and influence were at their greatest, their wisdom most widely confessed, their words most respected and their services most prized. We give thanks unto Him for the lives of those who served as pastors and missionaries; for the lives of those men and women who gave themselves, their counsel and their gifts to hasten the coming of the Kingdom of God. For their sake, as well as for our own and for Christ's, we rejoice to know that the seed they buried will spring up in rich harvests, that the sacred tones of their teachings will swell into growing harmonies—that the forces they set at work, however subtle and silent, will widen in influence and develop and multiply till countless multitudes are affected by their life-work. "They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever."

Your committee met at Atlantic City, N. J., July 8th to 10th, 1924.

Questionnaires sent out by the Secretary of our committee to 2,844 ministers were filled out and returned by 842. When pastors learn to realize what the real purpose of the questionnaire is, we feel certain that they will respond more willingly. Our only object is to compile for the archives of our church a correct and historic sketch of each minister, from which church historians may gather correct information. We urge again the hearty cooperation of the Necrologists of the various Synods with the Secretary of this committee, so that our records may be kept accurate and complete.

Resolved (1), That we request that the necrological report of the various Synods be published on separate sheets, so that they can be readily removed and placed in loose-leaf folders by the Secretary of this committee.

(2) That we request that ten copies of the Synodical reports be sent to the secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL MENNENOEH, *Chairman*,
J. F. LAMBERT, *Rec. Sec.*

The Convention arose and stood while the Chairman of the Committee read the list of those who had been called home by death during the biennium, and so signified their assent to the resolution. The Convention, while standing, was led in prayer by the Rev. Luther De Yoe, closing with the Lord's Prayer.

On motion the Committee on Necrology was permitted to add other names to the list, submitting the completed list promptly to the Secretary.

Resolution 1 was amended so as to read, "That we request that the necrological reports of the various Synods be published." etc.

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The resolution was adopted as amended.

Resolution 2 was amended so as to read: "That we request that ten copies," etc.

The resolution was adopted as amended.

The report was adopted as a whole.

The Rev. G. A. Bierdeman presented the following series of "Convention Resolutions" for the Committee of Reference and Counsel:

1. That we thank the Great Head of the Church, Jesus Christ our Lord, for the harmonious, aggressive and constructive spirit which has pervaded and dominated this, the Fourth Convention of The United Lutheran Church in America, and invoke His blessing upon the execution of the work proposed by this Convention.

2. That this Convention express its admiration for and hearty appreciation of the complete and admirable arrangements on the part of the Chicago Entertainment Committee for the entertainment of this Convention.

3. That we extend our most sincere thanks to the management of the Edgewater Beach Hotel for the hospitable and most satisfactory entertainment which they have provided for this Convention, and that a copy of this resolution be delivered to the management of this hotel.

4. That we record our appreciation of the music rendered during the sessions by the vested choirs of the churches of Chicago and by the Gettysburg quartette.

5. That we gratefully acknowledge the cordiality of the Faculty and Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, Chicago, Ill., in their entertainment of the delegates of this Convention at the grounds of said Seminary on the afternoon of October 25th.

6. That we express our appreciation of the very excellent manner in which the Board of Publication has solved the housing problem, through the erection of the Muhlenberg Publication Building. This magnificent building is a credit to the whole Church and a splendid advertisement of our Church's publication cause; also, for the permanent establishment of our publication cause in Chicago by the purchase of property.

7. That we extend thanks to the following for equipment furnished this Convention:

American Seating Company	A. B. Dick Company
Lyon-Healy Company	Royal Typewriter Company
L. C. Smith Typewriter Company	Woodstock Typewriter Company
E. R. Moore and Company	

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8. That we express our high appreciation of the presence and address of Governor J. A. O. Preuss, Governor of the State of Minnesota, and a member of the United Norwegian Church in America, on the evening of October 24th.

9. That we extend to the Board of Safety of Chicago our thanks for the faithful and courteous attention, direction and guardianship given to this Convention during our most pleasant stay in this great City of Chicago.

Resolutions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 were adopted, and the report was adopted as a whole.

The Rev. Luther D. Reed presented the report of the Committee on Church Architecture.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHURCH ARCHITECTURE

The Committee was called upon during the biennium by many congregations, pastors and architects for counsel on a great variety of subjects connected with church building.

Twenty-four meetings were held in Professor Laird's office at the University of Pennsylvania, and in the office of Mr. George C. Baum, Philadelphia. At the first of these Dr. Ohl was elected Chairman and Dr. Reed, Secretary.

Review of Plans.

Fifty-three sets of plans for buildings in eighteen states were considered, and formal reports rendered. Many of these were plans for mission congregations submitted through the offices of the District Superintendents. Many others were from self-supporting congregations which sought the assistance of the Committee. Some idea of the variety of points considered and judgment expressed may be obtained from the following summary of plans reviewed.

Plans for a church building and Sunday school for St. Paul's Church, Collingswood, N. J., the Rev. I. H. Hagedorn, pastor, George C. Baum, Philadelphia, architect, were considered and approved.

Pencil drawings for proposed church for Grace Church, Springfield, Ohio, J. C. Fulton & Son, Uniontown, Pa., architects, were considered and suggestions given concerning the plan, particularly of the chancel, and concerning a number of details in the elevations.

Detailed blue prints for Woodlawn Immanuel Church, Chicago, Ill. Iver, Viehe-Naess & Co., architects, were approved with various suggestions concerning points of design in the interest of economy and of simplicity.

Plans for Grace Church, North Belmore, Long Island, N. Y., S. N. Knara Stoyanoff, N. Y., architect, were approved in general with recommendations concerning rearrangement of the chancel, proper entrances and

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certain features in the basement, including the windows and location of boiler.

Plans for the Church of the Reformation, New Britain, Conn., Delbert K. Perry, architect, were approved with suggestions concerning elimination of certain features in the plan, the character of stone contemplated, and matters of chancel arrangement.

Plans for the Hollywood Church, Los Angeles, California, prepared by the De Luxe Building Company, were considered and not approved. The treatment of the nave without a centre aisle, and with radiating side aisles, the lack of agreement between the main floor plan and the elevations, etc., were among the objectional features. The congregation was advised that it would be impossible to execute a contract upon these plans as a basis. The Committee also stated its disapproval of the congregation's undertaking to build without the advice and protection afforded by a disinterested and competent architect, whose employment was recommended. Revised plans, while showing improvement, were also not approved as lacking many essentials of good church design. The congregation was again advised to secure the services of a church architect, various names of architects of standing in Los Angeles being suggested.

Plans for Grace Church, East Stroudsburg, Pa., the Rev. C. E. Kistler, pastor, Ritcher & Eiler, Reading, architects, were cordially approved with certain suggestions concerning roof trusses over the auditorium and entrances to the building. The Committee also formulated a series of answers to questions referred to it by the Rev. Mr. Kistler concerning chancel and choir arrangement, location of the font, inclined floors, etc.

In response to the request of Mr. Obenhack, a member of the Committee, for the Committee's suggestions concerning preliminary plans for the Church of Peace, Rochester, N. Y., various suggestions were given.

Plans for St. James' Church, Seattle, Washington, Frederick J. Peters, architect, not including detailed arrangements for the chancel, were approved and commended for good taste.

Plans for Grace Church, River Edge, N. Y., the Rev. Otto Becker, pastor, J. L. Tillack, Hackensack, N. J., architect, were approved in general with recommendations concerning chancel arrangement, exits, and various details in the basement.

Plans for St. Peter's Church, Baldwin, Long Island, the Rev. G. C. Goering, pastor, S. N. Knara Stoyanoff, architect, were approved with minor suggestions concerning chancel details and elimination of windows in the organ chamber. Another plan prepared by a different architect was subsequently laid before the Committee, but was not approved, and the congregation decided to build from the first set of approved plans with a few minor modifications.

Plans for Gloria Dei Church, Philadelphia, the Rev. W. C. Sandt, pastor, C. W. Bolton, Philadelphia, architect, were cordially approved, as insuring

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a building of dignity and beauty, though the attention of the congregation was particularly directed to the matter of expense.

Plans for a Slovak Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., prepared by the Rev. F. F. Haworth, Baden, Pa., were considered and commended in general with suggestions concerning possible omission of the tower and ventilators in the roof, removal of the heating plant from its position under the organ, and providing an entrance to the pulpit from the chancel as well as from the sacristy.

Plans for Grace Church, Muscatine, Iowa, the Rev. T. F. Weiskotten, pastor, H. W. Zeidler, architect, were considered. Revised plans prepared in accordance with the suggestions of the Committee were also reviewed and numerous further suggestions were made concerning details of the front elevation, matters of roof construction and other features.

Plans for Immanuel Church, Meriden, Conn., the Rev. P. A. Kirsch, pastor, Parish & Schroeder, New York, architects, were heartily commended as possessing unusual excellence. A few minor suggestions were given concerning chancel details, location of the choir, etc. Later, at the request of the Secretary of the Building Committee, the names of several architects were suggested who might be considered to supervise the work of construction.

Floor plans for the Sunday school room of a church at Oklahoma, near Du Bois, Pa., W. H. Overdorf, architect, were considered and were not approved as being deficient in various details of good churchly design. Revised plans were regarded as a great improvement, and various suggestions were made concerning these.

Plans for the First Lutheran Church, Murphysboro, Ill., R. L. Gill, architect, were not approved as designed, as showing confusion of styles and being otherwise inadequate. The Committee suggested the possible omission of the tower as an unnecessary expense, and the employment of an associate architect with experience in the Gothic style.

Plans for the Sunday school unit of Messiah Church, Cleveland, Ohio, R. F. Feegan, architect, were approved and commended, with some minor suggestions.

Plans for proposed extension to Grace Church, Casper, Wyoming, William J. Westfall, architect, were approved with recommendations for the omission of the rudimentary transepts.

Plans for the Church of the Resurrection, Minneapolis, Magney and Tusler, architects, were approved with the suggestion that even in this inexpensive building the chancel be given a complete and proper form, and that the basement rooms be grouped so as to give the assembly-room better proportions.

Plans for the Church of the Ascension, Baltimore, Mr. F. E. Beall, architect, were not approved as deficient in churchly feeling and dignity and in various details of chancel arrangement, as well as being inadequately

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lighted and ventilated. Later plans for the chapel, to be eventually converted into church offices, parlors, reading rooms, etc., with a future church building in the rear, were approved as having interesting possibilities.

Design for a bungalow chapel for the Church of the Advent; St. Louis, Mo., O. D. Schmidt, architect, were considered and suggestions given for redesigning the exterior so as to make it conform in type to the church edifice to be erected in the future.

Design for Holy Trinity Church, La Crosse, Wis., the Rev. S. H. Roth, pastor, was approved with suggestions for decreasing the width of the piers on each side of the chancel and a different location of the organ console.

Design for chapel and rectory for the Rev. Otto Doering, Chicago, R. G. Schmid & Co., architects, was considered. The arrangements for the living quarters were regarded as satisfactory. The balance was criticised as devoid of churchly feeling in exterior and interior.

Plans for Unity English Church, Detroit, Michigan, Spier & Gehrke, architects, were approved in general with suggestions concerning different arrangement of choir stalls, elimination of chancel windows, etc.

Plans for Calvary Church, Arnold, Pa., drawn by the Rev. F. F. Haworth, Baden, Pa., were approved in general with suggestions concerning more symmetrical treatment of the chancel, location of the choir and details of the entrance.

Plans for St. Barnabas' Church, Howard Beach, Borough of Queens, N. Y., Dietrich and Diemer, architects, suggesting a semi-rural type of building with clapboard sides above stone and concrete foundation, were approved.

A block plan for a church plant, and plans for a parsonage for St. James' Church, Merrick, Long Island, N. Y., the Rev. Ivan Heft, pastor, Louis E. Jallade, New York, architect, were considered and approved.

Plans for a church and parish house at Glendale, Calif., the Rev. H. C. Funk, pastor, Allen Ruoff and Arthur C. Munson, Los Angeles, Calif., architects, were approved in general, with suggestions for restudy of the chancel and choir arrangements.

Plans for a church at Hendersonville, N. C., the Rev. J. D. Mauney, pastor, F. H. & J. C. Cunningham, Inc., Greenville, S. C., architects, were not approved as showing bad proportions of walls and openings in all elevations, and otherwise unsatisfactory.

Pencil sketches for a church at Centralia, Washington, the Rev. F. T. Lucas, pastor, E. Kroner, Portland, Ore., architect, were approved with suggestions for rearrangement of chancel details. The congregation was congratulated upon the possibility of securing an attractive building at a very reasonable figure.

Plans for the First Church, Apollo, Pa., the Rev. Martin T. Clare, pastor, O. M. Topp, Pittsburgh, Pa., architect, were approved, the Com-

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mittee congratulating the Building Committee and the architect upon what promises to be a fine group, consisting of a church building and a parish house on a corner lot sufficiently large to afford a fine setting. The general plan and arrangement, the proportion and details of design were commended, the only suggestion offered being in connection with the proposed choir and organ arrangement.

Revised plans for St. John's Church, Ocean City, N. J., Mr. George C. Baum, architect, were approved.

Plans for Grace Church, Gary, Ind., Ivar, Viehe-Naess & Co., Chicago, architects, were approved with suggestions concerning the disposition of the choir, various chancel details and matters of design in the front elevation of the building.

Plans for St. Paul's Church, Missouri Valley, Iowa, A. F. Gauger and Ray R. Ganger, St. Paul, architects, were not regarded satisfactory. In fundamental proportions, chancel and choir arrangements, steps in the tower entrance, and various other features which indicated a building lacking in churchly quality.

Plans for the remodeling of St. Luke's Church, Rochester, N. Y., the Rev. William Trebert, pastor, Erick W. Waemecke, architect, were considered. Various features were criticised unfavorably, and the suggestion was made that the congregation might better consider plans for an entirely new building, or have another study made of plans for remodeling.

The Committee replied to questions asked by the Rev. Mr. Hamsher, pastor of Trinity Church, Mechanicsburg Pa., with respect to proposed alterations.

Plans for Salem Church, Fremont, Neb., the Rev. Carl G. Aue, D.D., pastor, H. F. Gauger and Ray R. Gauger, architects, St. Paul, were considered and approved as satisfactory in general, with suggestions for restudy of the chancel and choir space, and possible omission of one or both towers in the interest of economy and good design; also possible use of open timber ceiling instead of flat ceiling in the nave, etc.

Plans for a building to be used for church services and Sunday school purposes and later for Sunday school and parish purposes only, by the mission at Palmyra, N. J., the Rev. Mr. Saul, pastor, Moses and Morfeld. Camden, architects, were approved with the understanding that the chancel arrangement would be restudied so as to conform to the traditional Lutheran plan, and with suggestions for possible use of open timber ceiling.

Plans for Trinity Church, Appleton, Wis., H. C. Haeuser, Milwaukee. architect, were approved with certain suggestions concerning rearrangement of the main entrance to the nave, and possibly a different location for the tower, and a deepening of the chancel.

A stock design for a church at Fairmount, Jackson County, Mo., the Rev. C. G. Georgi, pastor, was approved with suggestions concerning rearrangement of the chancel and a caution to the congregation with respect

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to the adaptation of the plans and specifications to local conditions, particularly with reference to the foundations, plumbing requirements, etc.

Plans for Trinity Church, Chambersburg, Pa., the Rev. W. A. Kump, pastor, Horace G. Kilmer, architect, were considered and suggestions given for designing the building in the same general style as that of the parish building adjoining (Romanesque). Suggestions were also given for modification of the plans, if it was decided to build in the Gothic style. These included a different treatment of the vestibule and a restudy of the chancel to conform to the traditional Lutheran arrangement; also concerning better connections between the two buildings and different treatment of the tower.

Plans for Calvary, Hillside, N. J., the Rev. Oscar Brandorff, pastor, Dietrich and Diemer, architects, were approved with suggestions concerning the entrances, certain chancel details, etc.

Plans for St. Paul's Church, Johnson City, N. Y., the Rev. A. G. Marcell, pastor, S. D. Leadbeater, Johnson City, architect, were considered. The floor plan was approved with the exception of the arrangement of the chancel, suggestions for which were given. The elevations were commended for careful drawing but poor composition, and various suggestions were given for a restudy of these.

Plans for St. John's Church (Siebenburger), Cleveland, Ohio, the Rev. John Foisel, pastor, were not approved as being elementary, almost primitive, in character, and possessing many undesirable features. The congregation was counselled to secure the services of a competent architect, inasmuch as the success and influence of even our weakest missions in the larger cities will be imperiled unless they erect a building which will make a favorable impression upon the community, however inexpensive it may be. An entirely different set of plans, subsequently, prepared by the Rev. F. F. Haworth, was cordially approved with minor suggestions concerning features of the tower design.

A block plan for a church plant and detailed plans for a building to be used immediately as a church and Sunday school, but eventually as a school building only by St. Paul's Church, Valley Stream, Long Island, the Rev. C. W. Nutzhorn, pastor, T. W. Craddock, architect, were approved and commended. The Committee recommended further study of the building to be erected immediately with reference to its eventual use for Sunday school work, for which greater width would be very desirable. The omission of the tower was also suggested in the interest of economy.

Plans for Emanuel Church, Rochester, N. Y., the Rev. F. E. Reissig, pastor; C. F. Obenhack, Niagara Falls, N. Y., achitect, were approved with suggestions for the enlargement of the narthex and the possible addition of a front porch and for a redesigning of certain windows.

Plans for St. Paul's Church, Dunton, Long Island, the Rev. C. G. Toebke, pastor, Cherry & Matz, N. Y., architects, were approved with suggestions for an apsidal chancel end for the Romanesque building, and for certain

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rearrangements of the chancel details. The Committee in this connection expressed the conviction which it has frequently expressed to other congregations, that other things being equal, it is generally advisable, particularly in growing suburbs, to build first of all a parish building which may be used for church services for a time, and then after the congregation has grown to some strength, to undertake the erection of a church building proper.

Plans for St. James' Church, Gerrittsen Beach, Brooklyn, Dietrich & Diemer, New York, architects, were approved with suggestions concerning slight modifications of the chancel arrangement, different location of the organ console, and a redesigning of certain features of the facade.

Plans for Bethany, Springfield Garden, N. Y., J. St. Clair Bousum, pastor, Dietrich & Diemer, architects, were approved with suggestions concerning minor modifications in the chancel and a possible relocation of chimney flues.

Plans for a proposed parish house unit for Ascension Church, St. Paul, Minn., the Rev. R. H. Gerberding, pastor, were considered. The elevations indicated a rather domestic type of building which would not tie up satisfactorily with a future church building, and the Committee recommended the employment of a competent church architect to block out the entire group of buildings and redesign the parish house.

With reference to plans for a church at South Sioux City, Neb., Beuttler & Arnold, architects, the Committee gave suggestions concerning better proportions in the building, possible omission of the tower, and various features of chancel and choir arrangement. It also requested later submission of elevations and sections, particularly of the chancel and the roof construction.

Conferences and Correspondence.

The Chairman and the Secretary personally held a number of conferences with pastors, and, in some instances, with their Church Councils. They also conducted an extensive correspondence, the Chairman reporting letters from thirty-four pastors and others in thirteen states, Ontario and Japan; and the Secretary, letters from one hundred and nine persons in twenty-eight states and two provinces of Canada. This correspondence covered a wide range of subjects; requests for general information preparatory to building. for assistance in the selection of architects, matter of design and construction of churches, parish houses, parsonages, extensions to existing buildings, etc., questions of lighting arrangements, stained glass, altar appointment, etc.

General Suggestions.

An analysis of the criticism of plans and the correspondence of the Committee reveals four subjects which, perhaps more than any other, have been under constant discussion by the Committee.

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1. *The Choice of an Architect.*

The fundamental importance of securing a thoroughly competent church architect is evidently not fully appreciated. Architecture is a profession of very broad range. Church architecture is one of its special lines, calling for special knowledge, taste, sympathy and experience. Many congregations, particularly missions, make the fundamental mistake of thinking it unnecessary to secure a specialist, believing that any general architect, or in the case of small buildings, even a draftsman or a builder, will be able to supply them with satisfactory plans. There are but few comparatively good church architects, even in the larger cities, and unless one of these be secured, congregations cannot expect to erect buildings of architectural merit and churchly character. The money of our people is being misspent, and the opportunity of the church for service and influence in our communities is being lost by the very general erection of commonplace, characterless structures designed by men unqualified to do this special work.

The employment of a building company, even though the latter has on its staff men with architectural training, is a particularly specious evil. These draftsmen are rarely qualified to design church buildings, not understanding the first principles of good church design, and being quite ignorant of the chancel requirements of the Lutheran Church. In addition to this, the employment of a building company actually leaves the congregation without adequate protection, as the building contract, in practically all cases, makes the builder the interpreter of the terms of the contract, of which he is a party at interest.

The Committee, therefore, constantly strives to impress upon all pastors and building committees the absolute necessity of securing an architect of standing and capacity, with ample experience in good church work. This the Committee does, not in the interests of the architectural profession, but in the interests of the individual congregations and of the Church as a whole; for the Committee is convinced, after wide observation and experience, that the successful solution of every church building problem depends upon the wise selection of an architect, more than upon any other single factor.

It should be understood that it is entirely possible to secure the services of an able church architect at a distance to prepare plans, specifications and details, arrangements being made with an associated architect or some other competent party for local supervision of erection. Most of the really good churches throughout the country have been designed by architects whose offices are hundreds of miles distant. The abler church architects are constantly doing work throughout a radius of hundreds and even thousands of miles. In any important building, especially, the principal things is to secure the services of the ablest, most gifted man obtainable, and have him prepare the plans, arranging for local supervision of erection.

Too frequently the Committee has no opportunity of impressing these

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fundamental facts upon pastors and building committees until it is too late. If congregations would consult with the Committee as the first step instead of simply sending finished drawings for criticism at the end of their study, the Committee, in many cases, would be able to offer constructive suggestions which would result in a better type of building, often at less cost, and in some cases, would be able to save the congregation great delay and expense resulting from the preparation of unsatisfactory plans which later must be changed.

So far as it is possible to do so, the Committee will be glad to furnish lists of names of firms of recognized ability in different parts of the country, with the understanding, of course, that plans presented by architects whom they have not suggested will not be discriminated against in any respect, but will be judged fairly upon their merits.

2. *Chancel Appointments.*

Largely because of the general employment of architects unfamiliar with the traditional requirements and appointments of the chancel in the Lutheran Church, a very large number of unsatisfactory chancel plans have come before the Committee. Serious mistakes here are fatal to the success of any church building, and greater attention should be given to this fundamental question by all who contemplate building. The Committee will be glad to counsel with pastors and committees on this important detail, which should be fully determined at the very beginning.

3. *Location of Choir and Organ.*

This is one of the questions most frequently discussed. Final decision must be left to the individual congregation. The Committee has approved plans with the choir and organ in the rear gallery, in the chancel, in a corner of the nave, in a transept, on one side of the chancel, and on a low platform immediately in front of the chancel. It, however, records its deepening conviction that there are only two really satisfactory locations for the choir, viz., in the rear gallery or in the chancel. All other locations are experiments and compromises, more or less undesirable liturgically and architecturally.

4. *The Nave Without a Tower.*

One of the characteristic developments in American Church architecture of the best type is the omission of towers and the erection of naves with highly-developed facades of churchly design. This is a movement in the interest of economy, and often of good design itself, and is to be commended to our congregations, particularly where funds are limited. Where towers or spires of real proportion and merit can be built, they are beautiful and desirable, but towers are in no sense necessary to good churchly design, and they can often be omitted to great advantage, both from the standpoint of cost and appearance.

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The publications issued by the Committee ("Practical Suggestions for Pastors and Building Committees," and "Church Principles in Church Architecture," prepared by the Secretary) have been widely distributed upon request and the editions of both are almost exhausted.

The Committee is ready to do all within its power to give advice to congregations, to review plans, make suggestions, etc. It is not organized, however, to prepare plans or undertake extensive revisions of plans. Several other Churches maintain building bureaus which are fully organized to render complete architectural service. Your Committee has been investigating these bureaus and their work, but it is not yet prepared to recommend the establishment of such a work by the United Lutheran Church.

The Committee earnestly offers the suggestions contained in this report for the thoughtful consideration of the entire Church. It presents no specific recommendations.

J. F. OHL, *Chairman,*
LUTHER D. REED, *Secretary.*

The report was adopted as a whole.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That this Convention, through its Secretary, express to Professor Warren P. Laird its high appreciation of the service which he so freely renders in our work.

The Rev. Luther D. Reed presented the report of the Archivist as follows:

REPORT OF THE ARCHIVIST

The Archivist respectfully reports receipt during the past biennium of the following material:

Certified copy of the Minutes of the United Lutheran Church, 1920.
Selected correspondence of the President of the United Lutheran Church.
Selected correspondence of the Secretary.
Minutes of various Synods.
Original design for the seal of the Church of the Advent, St. Louis, Mo.
Anniversary histories, souvenirs, etc., of Zion Church, Sunbury, Pa., Holy Trinity Church, Minneapolis, Minn., Church of the Holy Communion, Racine, Wis., Trinity Church, Lansford, Pa., Church of the Reformation, Brooklyn, N. Y., St. Peter's Church, Janesville, Wis., Christ Church, Shrewsbury, Pa., St. John's Church, Sterling, Ill.

Considerable work has been done in mounting, binding and cataloguing this and similar material previously reported.

LUTHER D. REED,
Archivist.

The report was adopted.

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The Rev. William Freas presented the report of the Committee on Army and Navy Work.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ARMY AND NAVY WORK

Your Committee on Army and Navy Work met for organization in Philadelphia on January 5, 1923. The following officers were elected: Chairman, Rev. C. D. Trexler; secretary-treasurer, Rev. William Freas. An Executive Committee was appointed consisting of the officers and Mr Charles H. Dahmer. Rev. S. T. Nicholas, D.D., was appointed as the Washington representative.

The Committee agreed that the work which it had to do was of a three-fold character.

1. To keep the Church in touch with the men in the Army and Navy.
2. To assist and encourage regular army and navy chaplains in their ministry to the men.
3. Arranging for Lutheran ministrations to men in the Army and Navy, at all posts and stations where possible through the volunteer service of camp pastors and congregations.

Your Committee is glad to report that real progress has been shown in the work done during the past biennium. We present to you the following information concerning the work which has been accomplished.

I. Camp Pastor Work

The most important activity of the Committee has been in connection with the development of local service by pastors to our men in camps and posts of the Army and Navy. In the development of this work the Committee has been in close co-operation with the office of the chief of chaplains of the Army and the Washington office of the Federal Council of Churches, through which the General Committee on Army and Navy Chaplains of that body operates. At the time of the last convention there were three camp pastors, members of the United Lutheran Church, still engaged in this work under the direction of the National Lutheran Commission for Soldiers' and Sailors' Welfare. A brief statement concerning the work of each of these three points is here given.

(a) *Brooklyn Navy Yard.* This work was continued under the directions of Rev. T. G. Hartwig, up to March 1, 1923, at which time it was terminated.

(b) *Hospital at San Francisco, California.* Rev. H. M. Leech continued his service at this point in co-operation with the Y. M. C. A., up to March 1, 1923, at which time his work was terminated. Since that date he has been doing similar work of a purely volunteer character.

(c) *Great Lakes Naval Training Station.* Rev. J. A. St. Clair was

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in charge of the work at this point. On account of the rapidly decreasing number of men assigned to this station it was felt desirable that he should also work at the hospital just opened at Maywood, Ill. Arrangements were made for activity at the latter post. His work at both of these places is still continuing.

This work was supported by the appropriation provided by the Buffalo Convention. Further funds were sought from the treasury of the Church, but were not available. The importance of continuing this work at the three points was presented to local groups or organizations. In Brooklyn and San Francisco it was impossible to make any arrangements for the local support of the work and it was, therefore, necessary to terminate it as stated in the preceding paragraph. In Chicago, however, the situation is somewhat different. Some of the local laymen are deeply concerned with the activity at Great Lakes and Maywood and made themselves responsible for the securing of funds to carry it on. An appropriation of $874 a year was made by the Norwegian Lutheran Church of America towards this work. The balance needed is being provided by people who are locally interested in the work.

The Committee at its meeting decided to organize the work all over the Church, by seeking properly qualified men and urging them to apply for appointment as chaplains in the Officers' Reserve Corps. These men would then be in a position to find more ready admission to the various camps and posts over the country. Largely, as a result of the Committee's efforts, 39 men have been approved and appointed as chaplains in the Officers' Reserve Corps up to May, 1924. From one man it was necessary to withhold approval. Of the number appointed, 23 are pastors of the United Lutheran Church. Since May, 5 more applications have been approved and forwarded to Washington for action there.

II. Chaplains

The Committee has, during the biennium, kept in touch with regular Army and Navy chaplains. There are at present 7 Lutheran pastors serving as chaplains in the Army and of this number 4 are members of the United Lutheran Church. Chaplains Hall, Miller, Rinard and Weber. Two Lutheran chaplains are serving in the Navy, one of these being a pastor of the United Lutheran Church, Chaplain Moyer. The Committee has sought aid for these chaplains from the synods of which they are members, so that our Lutheran chaplains may have the same assistance from their Church that the chaplains of other denominations are receiving. Such assistance is now being given by two of the synods to the chaplains which hold membership in them.

Your Committee has also sought to have properly qualified men apply for appointment to the regular chaplaincy. This effort, however, has not been successful. There are at present 16 vacancies in army chaplaincies which should be filled by Lutheran pastors.

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III. General Matters

Representatives of your Committee have been in conference with those of other denominations who have been concerned about the Army and Navy work. Such a conference was called by the Federal Council of Churches in New York, and matters of common interest discussed. This conference led to the calling of a second one. The Secretary of War invited the representatives of the various denominations to meet with him and some of the regular chaplains of the Army and Navy in Washington. This conference extended over a period of two days and was exceedingly helpful in giving fuller information concerning the needs of the Army and Navy. The predominant note of the conference was the responsibility of the churches to do a truly spiritual work at the various army and navy camps and posts through volunteer service and congregational co-operation with chaplains where they were attached to the post.

The Secretary of the Committee visited the Chaplains' School at Ft. Wayne, Mich., at which two of our Lutheran chaplains were in attendance. He was privileged to give a lecture to the chaplains attending the school.

The regular chaplains and Reserve Corps' chaplains are constantly seeking Army and Navy Service Books for use in their work. The supply of these books has now been practically exhausted so that we have been unable to comply with their requests.

We have comparatively few congregations near regular posts of the Army and Navy. Our pastors, however, have been very ready often to make rather long trips so that they may render a particular service to our Lutheran men in the Army and Navy.

Report of the Treasurer

Receipts from Mr. E. C. Miller, Treasurer.....		$4,500.00
Disbursements		
Rev. H. M. Leech, San Francisco.....	$1,500.00	
Rev. T. G. Hartwig, Brooklyn.....	1,500.00	
Mr. C. H. Boyer, for Rev. J. A. St. Clair, Chicago	1,500.00	
	$4,500.00	$4,500.00

Wm. Freas, *Treasurer.*

Recommendation. The Committee presents the following recommendation:

Resolved, That the United Lutheran Church in America records its earnest conviction that more adequate provision should be made by our Government for the spiritual care of our men in the Army and Navy of the country.

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To this end we most respectfully urge that the bill now before the Military Affairs Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives, providing for the increase of the number of Chaplains and the placing of the Chaplain Corps upon an equality in rank with the other service corps of the Army and Navy, be reported favorably to their respective bodies.

Respectfully submitted,

C. D. TREXLER, *Chairman,*
WM. FREAS, *Secretary.*

Upon request permission was granted the Committee to withdraw the resolution containing a request for an appropriation, and to submit the following resolution as a part of the report:

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The resolution was adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole.

The Rev. F. H. Bosch presented the report of the Committee on Linguistic Interests.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LINGUISTIC INTERESTS

The Committee as appointed by the president of the United Lutheran Church elected the Rev. E. C. J. Kraeling, of Brooklyn, N. Y., as chairman and Rev. Fritz O. Evers, of Philadelphia, Pa., as secretary. The Committee was charged with the arrangements for the holding of the third General German Conference of the United Lutheran Church. The Conference convened for a two days' session in Zion Lutheran Church, Johnstown, Pa., the Revs. Ernst A. Tappert, D.D., and Wilfried Tappert, pastors, on October 17th and 18th, 1923. It was attended by more than one hundred pastors and lay delegates from all sections of the Church. The five German synods

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and three synodical German Conferences within the United Lutheran Church, representing more than 500 congregations, were well represented.

The Conference began with the full morning service and the celebration of the Holy Communion. The Conference sermon was preached by Pastor Otto Kleine, of Philadelphia, Pa. It was a remarkable, frank and loyal call to the peculiar field of labor within the United Lutheran Church which is committed to its large German section. It was published in the *Lutherischer Herold* and also appeared in translation in *The Lutheran.*

The Conference organized for the transaction of business by the election of Rev. E. C. J. Kraeling, of Brooklyn, N. Y., as president; Rev. G. H. Michelman, of Grand Island, Nebr., as vice-president; Rev. H. Arend Kropp, of New York, as secretary; Mr. A. Bendel, of Reading, Pa., as treasurer.

There are three seminaries and two colleges in the United Lutheran Church where men are being especially trained with the bilingual ministry in view. Waterloo Seminary at Waterloo, Ontario, Canada; Martin Luther Seminary at Lincoln, Nebraska; Wagner College on Staten Island, New York; Saskatoon College at Saskatoon, Sask., and the Kropp-Breklum institution in Germany constitute the educational forces of the Church for this particular field of service. Reports were given on all these institutions. The Conference expressed the desire for some practical means to be discovered whereby gifted men could be won from the ranks of German theological students in universities for the ministry in this country. Such eminent leaders as Dr. Moldenke, Dr. Mann and Dr. Spaeth came from these sources. Emphasis was laid upon the necessity of stressing the study of the language of Martin Luther in all the educational institutions of the Church.

The German official organ of the United Lutheran Church, *Lutherischer Herold,* had been ably edited during its first year of publication by the Rev. Ernst E. Ortlepp, D.D., of Greenville, Ohio. Since Dr. Ortlepp could not arrange to change his residence to Philadelphia the Conference unanimously nominated as his successor the Rev. C. Reinhold Tappert, of New Rochelle, N. Y. He was subsequently elected by the Church Paper Committee and entered upon his duties May 1, 1924. The editorial committee is to consist of the presidents of the German synods and conferences. A smaller committee of three located as near to the seat of publication as possible shall keep in close touch with the editor. Greetings were sent to the sick-bed of the editor of the former *Deutsche Lutheraner,* Pastor Gottlieb C. Berkemeier, D.D. He has since been called to his heavenly reward. As a fluent writer, a fascinating speaker and a pioneer in Inner Missions he had been an outstanding personality in the Church for more than thirty years. He served as German secretary of the General Council and was closely connected with every one of the many interests of the German part of the Church.

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The Home Mission work of the Canada, Wartburg, Nebraska, Manitoba and Texas Synods is carried on under the direction of the Board of Northwestern Missions. General Secretary Rev. Paul Ludwig gave an instructive review of the field and was followed by representatives from every one of these mission territories. The Conference voiced hearty endorsement of the work of this Board and also its regret that the Church does not supply sufficient funds to meet all the needs and to grasp all the opportunities of this important work.

A committee appointed at the former conference at Buffalo for revision of the present Agenda of the Kirchenbuch, so as to enable all the German bodies to use one uniform order of service throughout the Church, submitted a very promising report. This work will be done in conjunction with the Committee on Common Service.

The editing of suitable lesson material to be used in the Sunday schools was committed to a special committee, which is to cooperate with the Board of Publication and the Parish and Church School Board.

This Conference was honored by the presence of the president and the treasurer of the United Lutheran Church and the Executive Director of The National Lutheran Council. Dr. Morehead's appeal, ably supported by a most illuminating report by Dr. J. Neve, a delegate to the Eisenach World Conference, was answered by a solemn pledge of the largest possible support of the efforts to alleviate the sufferings of our Lutheran brethren abroad.

In conclusion we wish to call the attention of the Church to the large influx of Lutheran immigration from Germany and German-speaking parts of other countries. Their number is already being felt in all our congregations, especially in the cities. It will increasingly become the duty of the United Lutheran Church to strengthen this arm of her body in order to provide amply, timely and safely for the souls of these new-comers to our shores. For them, in the near future, as in other periods of her history, the Church must educate a German-speaking ministry, publish devotional literature and a representative church paper, and enlarge her missionary activities. The United Lutheran Church of a generation hence will reap abundantly where we are sowing the seed today.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. J. KRAELING, *Chairman,*
F. O. EVERS, *Secretary.*

The report was adopted.

The Secretary presented the report of the Committee on Transportation, which was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

As shown in the report of the Executive Board, the Transportation Committee has given attention, throughout the biennium, to the interests

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committed to it. The Committee would report the additional information that arrangements were made with all of the Passenger Associations in the United States and Canada for reduced rates on the Certificate Plan for members of the United Lutheran Church attending this Convention. A special train was run over the Pennsylvania Railroad from Washington, D. C., to Chicago, via Harrisburg and Pittsburgh, and arrangements have been made for a Special for the return journey. For this special service all the credit is due to Mr. Harvey C. Miller, Chairman of your Committee.

M. G. G. SCHERER, *Secretary of the Committee.*

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That we express to the railroad companies our appreciation of the facilities provided, and to Mr. Harvey C. Miller our appreciation of his valuable services in this matter.

In the absence of Dr. Alleman, the Secretary presented the report of our representative to the American Bible Society.

REPORT OF REPRESENTATIVE IN THE ADVISORY BOARD OF THE AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

Your representative in the Advisory Board of the American Bible Society begs leave to submit his third biennial report.

The Advisory Board is composed of representatives from twenty-three of the churches in the United States. It meets annually in the month of November at the Bible House, Astor Place, New York City, to consider the recommendations of the Secretaries and the Treasurer of the Society and to submit its findings to the Board of Managers, with whom it is invited to sit throughout their consideration. Your representative was unable to be present at the meetings during the past biennium, but his place was taken by Secretary Scherer, who reported the same cordial welcome which has always been accorded your representative.

An idea of the progress and fortunes of the Society's work during the biennium can best be arrived at by taking the report of 1923 in comparison with that of the preceding year.

The outstanding event in the fortunes of the Society in 1923 was the earthquake in Japan on September 1st, in which the Society's offices in Tokio and the printing plant of the Fukuin Printing Company in Yokohama were totally destroyed. All the Society's plates, not only in the various forms of the Japanese Bible, but of certain editions for China, of a larger number of editions for Siam, and in all the languages and forms of

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printing for the Philippines were deposited there, so that in a moment there was nothing left but molten metal of the type and plates from which the Scriptures for the Society's work in all the Far East, with the exception of most of its editions in China, were produced. The monetary loss alone exceeded $200,000.00.

Furthermore, the Society's work was hindered by political conditions in Latin America and in the Near and Far East.

In spite of disasters and hindrances, however, a very unusual distribution was accomplished. The issues from the Bible House in New York for circulation in the United States and in Latin America for the year 1923 were 3,154,632, which is 1,321,926 more than in 1922, the circulation in the United States through its Home Agencies and its Auxiliaries and affiliated Societies reaching 2,104,000 volumes as against 1,117,000 in 1922. The largest circulation outside of the United States is the Society's circulation in China, which last year amounted to 2,525,017, an advance of 537,691 over the preceding year. Even in Japan, in spite of the earthquake, 343,588 volumes were circulated, an advance of 134,254 over the preceding year.

The total number of books issued in 1923 was 7,097,950, as against 4,593,067 in 1922. The issues for 1923 are the largest in the history of the Society, with the exception of the centennial year 1916, which is evidence of the abiding popularity of the Bible as the world's best seller and of the energy and efficiency of the management of this great enterprise. The total issues of the Society in the 108 years of its service have been 158,254,877.

Financially the Society has enjoyed an unusually prosperous year, judging from its balance-sheet. The total receipts were $1,804,282.14 with expenditures approximately the same, including the paying off of an indebtedness in the banks of $585,000.00. However, the receipts include a legacy of $549,242.18 from the Sage Estate, an embarrassment of riches in the stability of the Society's budget.

The amount contributed by the churches of the United States in 1923 was $278,574.00, the Methodist Episcopal Church being the largest contributor with $100,000.00. The amount contributed by the Lutheran Church of all branches was $1,826.00. Of that total the Augustana Synod contributed $1,153.00 and the United Lutheran Church $573.00.

For the $200,000.00 loss caused by the earthquake in Japan the Society made an appeal for special contributions. Up to March 1st only $80,000 had been secured. Of that amount $203.94 came from the United Lutheran Church.

It gives your representative great pleasure to report that Dr. E. Clarence Miller, Treasurer of the United Lutheran Church, has been made a Vice-President of the Society.

Your representative recommends:

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That the United Lutheran Church continue its representation in the Advisory Board.

Respectfully submitted,
HERBERT C. ALLEMAN,
Representative of the United Lutheran Church.

Dr. Kirkbride, of the American Bible Society, was then introduced, and addressed the Convention.

The recommendation was adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole.

The Rev. A. R. Wentz presented the Minutes of the Lutheran Historical Society as follows:

Lutheran Historical Society

The Historical Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America was called to order at 4.30 o'clock, Tuesday afternoon, October 21, 1924, in Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Chicago, Illinois. President F. P. Manhart presided.

Dr. H. D. Hoover was appointed Secretary pro tempore.

Dr. A. R. Wentz submitted the report of the Curator as follows:

Nearly three hundred bound volumes have been added to our collection since our last meeting in 1922. These are mostly synodical minutes, Lutheran periodicals and classified pamphlets of Lutheran import.

The Curator now has a complete list of the great number of duplicates in our possession. These duplicates he has been offering in exchange for desirable materials that we lack. In this way much progress has been made towards filling out our files of minutes and periodicals.

Work is now in progress organizing our large collection of Lutheran photographs in order to make them readily accessible.

For the sake of our records it should be reported here that the paper read by Miss Mary E. Markley at the last meeting of the Society on the subject, "Some Chapters on the History of Higher Education of Lutheran Women" was published in the Lutheran quarterly for January, 1923.

The collection of the Society, on the first floor of the Seminary Library at Gettysburg, has been used by scores of persons during the biennium. The work of the Society, now eighty-one years old, is proving its usefulness to the Church in increasing measure each year. From widely distant points and from greatly varied circles, both within and outside the Lutheran Church, inquiries come for information and requests for historical materials concerning the history of our Church in this country.

ABDEL ROSS WENTZ, *Curator.*

The report was adopted.

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The report of the Treasurer, Mr. J. Elmer Musselman, was presented together with the report of the Auditing Committee. Both reports were adopted. The report of the Treasurer showed a balance of $306.53.

On motion of Dr. A. Pohlman, the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the Society for the re-election of all the officers.

The minutes were read and approved, and the Society adjourned.

An informal meeting of the Society was held at the Edgewater Beach Hotel, Chicago, on Monday evening, October 27, 1924. Dr. Manhart presented a paper on "Lutherans and Bishops," which was thoroughly discussed. H. D. HOOVER, *Secretary pro tem.*

It was moved and carried, That this report be printed in the Minutes of this Convention.

The Rev. G. C. Rees presented the report of the Lutheran Church Book and Literature Society.

REPORT OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH BOOK AND LITERATURE SOCIETY

This Society occupies a unique and distinctive place in the life of the Church. Its object is the distribution of the Common Service Book and the dissemination of other Lutheran literature, whatever the language or wherever the field. Though this Society is twenty years old, the Church has not been fully aware of its usefulness. All the other religious bodies of the country engage in the systematic distribution of their distinctive literature. The Bishop White Prayer Book Society of the Episcopal Church has an endowment fund of $100,000.00. It has distributed about 1,000,000 prayer books and hymnals printed in many languages. In 1923, it distributed 17,001 books. The New York Bible and Common Prayer Book Society, also of the Episcopal Church, distributed in 1923, 14,000 hymnals and 26,238 prayer books, printed in the English, German, Swedish, Spanish and Indian languages. It has also published portions of the Prayer Book for the use of the blind. The figures of other bodies, notably the Christian Scientists, the Swedenborgians, and the Church of Latter Day Saints, are not at hand, but the amounts expended must be enormous.

The good which this Society has been permitted to do with its limited income is very creditable. With the exception of two years its income has never been over $600 a year, but even with that there have been furnished to institutions and needy missions in the United States, Canada, and the West Indies, more than 4,200 copies of the Common Service Book, and more than 2,000 copies of the Sunday School Hymnals. There have been given to the Free Libraries in New York, Brooklyn, Philadelphia, Milwaukee, and other cities over 500 annual subscriptions to *The Lutheran.* The Society has also issued nine tracts, some of which have been translated

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into Spanish. Those tracts have now reached a confirmed circulation of over 1,000,000 copies. They can be secured through the Publication House at a nominal cost.

During the past two years, the Society has furnished 811 copies of the Common Service Book and 363 Sunday School Hymnals to new mission stations.

To illustrate the work of the Society it should be stated that not only does the Society take care of new mission undertakings, but when the head of the theological department of a very large Western University requested an exhibit of Lutheran books setting forth the doctrine, history and life of the Lutheran Church, this Society furnished him with the authorized literature of the Church. It is also a matter of interest to know that when the Government Chapel in Yellowstone Park was offered to a pastor of our Church for weekly services, with an attendance of from 400 to 600, this Society furnished the Common Service Books for their use.

However, the Society has only made a beginning of the large work for which it was founded. There are many places to which the Common Service Book can be donated. Since it contains the Epistles and Gospels its value has been very much enhanced, and if the Society had the income these books could be furnished not only to needy missions but also to many different kinds of institutions, to hotels, ocean liners, particularly those under the Scandinavian flag, etc., etc.

The Society would call attention to the fact that it is an incorporated body and as such may receive gifts and legacies. Such are solicited. The beginning of an endowment fund has been made.

The Society would request that each parish of the United Lutheran Church make an annual donation of $5.00 at least, thus recognizing in a practical way the valuable work which the Society is carrying on.

The present officers and Board of Managers are:

Rev. Arthur C. Carty, President *pro tem*, 256 Farragut Terrace, Philadelphia, Pa.

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Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR C. CARTY.

It was moved and carried, That this be printed in the Minutes of this Convention.

The Rev. A. J. Traver presented the Report of the Committee on Leave of Absence:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Your Committee would beg leave to report that the following delegations have made report of absentees through their Chairmen: The Iowa Synod, the North Carolina Synod, the Indiana Synod, the California Synod, the New York Synod, the Pittsburgh Synod, the Michigan Synod, the Synod of the Northwest, the German Nebraska Synod, the Wartburg Synod, and the East Pennsylvania Synod.

Upon recommendation of the Chairmen of these delegations we would respectfully recommend that the following be excused for absence as reported to the Committee:

Rev. C. N. Swihart, Rev. S. M. Lesher, Rev. Holmes Dysinger, Mr. J. S. Sawyer, Mr. L. D. Koser and Mr. J. L. Berger, from the Iowa Synod.

Hon. B. B. Miller, from the North Carolina Synod.

Rev. I. W. Gernert, Mr. A. H. Kornfeld, Mr. J. E. Spiegel and Mr. M. L. Zerkel, from the Indiana Synod.

Hon. E. F. Eilert and Mr. A. J. Gruschow, from the New York Synod.

Hon. W. E. Hirt, Mr. C. L. Herbster, Hon. J. F. Graff, Mr. Peter Graff, Hon. A. E. Reiber, Dr. C. E. Miller, Dr. H. C. Hoffman, Rev. G. A. Benze, Mr. E. R. Sheldon, Rev. John I. Shaud, Prof. O. F. H. Bert, Mr. Wm. E. Yeager and Mr. J. L. Frederick, from the Pittsburgh Synod.

Mr. C. E. Baker, Dr. H. G. Merz, Dr. B. F. Teters and Mr. W. W. Anderson, from the Michigan Synod.

Mr. C. N. Hill, Rev. W. P. Christy, Rev. P. H. Roth, Rev. A. J. Soldan, Rev. L. W. Steckel, Mr. W. E. Black, Mr. J. W. Jouno and Mr. G. Hemsing, from the Synod of the Northwest.

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Rev. C. Goede, Rev. O. Hausman, Rev. G. H. Michelmann, Mr. G. F. Beschorner, Mr. G. Hilzen, Mr. John Rohrig, Mr. Carl Goll and Mr. H. Busselman, from the German Nebraska Synod.

Rev. E. Ortlepp, Mr. Hermann Oertel and Mr. Charles Scholz, from the Wartburg Synod.

Rev. Ross H. Stover, Mr. George C. Baum, Mr. H. C. Smeltzer, Rev. William J. Miller, Jr., Rev. William C. Ney, Mr. E. G. Hoover, Mr. J. H. Wagner, Mr. Harvey C. Miller, Mr. Romanus Esterly, from the East Pennsylvania Synod.

The California Synod reported every member present at every session.

Your Committee would recommend that the method used at this Convention be continued, namely, that the Chairmen of Synodical Delegations shall be responsible for keeping the roll of their delegations and shall return a report of absentees to the Committee on Leave of Absence.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. TRAVER, *Chairman.*
For the Committee.

The recommendation was adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole.

In connection with the foregoing report it was stated that in place of delegates excused, alternates had been seated as follows:

The Rev. J. Earl Spaid, of the Indiana Synod, in the place of the Rev. R. H. Benting from Saturday, October 25th to October 29th.

The Rev. S. W. Herman, of the East Pennsylvania Synod, in the place of the Rev. Ross H. Stover, October 28th and 29th.

The Secretary read the amendment proposed to the By-Laws, Section VII, B, yesterday afternoon by the Committee of Reference and Counsel.

The amendment was adopted.

Under the head of unfinished business the Secretary presented several items of the report of the Executive Board.

Item III, A, 3 (a) was adopted.

Item III, A, 5 was amended by striking out the last line of the first paragraph. The item was adopted.

Item XIII, 4, was adopted.

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The Secretary presented Item 5 of the Supplementary Report of the Executive Board.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

1. Subsequent to the action of the Executive Board as reported under III, B, 3 of the general report, the following communication was received from the Secretary of the Pacific Synod:

"To the Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church in America:

"Be it resolved, That it is the conviction of the Pacific Synod that the resolutions adopted by the United Lutheran Church at its Convention held at Washington do not fulfill the obligations of the United Lutheran Church entered into with the Pacific Seminary, as set forth in the resolutions passed by the Executive Board at its meeting held in New York City.

"Executive Committee of the Pacific Synod,
"W. I. Eck, *Secretary.*"

Thereupon the Executive Board took the following action:

Being still of the conviction that the Executive Board has carried out the instructions of the United Lutheran Church given it at the New York Convention as follows:

"Whereas, The United Lutheran Church in America has heard with gratification of the plans, purposes and desires of the Board of Directors of the Pacific Theological Seminary at Seattle, and of the Pacific and California Synods with reference to their co-operation in that institution; and

"Whereas, We are convinced that the amount asked for endowment and equipment should be supplied as speedily as possible to enable the institution to furnish an adequate and efficient ministry for the present and increasing needs in that far Western section, and in the farther East; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That the matter of ways and means for the securing of such funds be referred to the Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church—,"

We report the action of the Pacific Synod as above stated.

2. The following statement concerning conditions upon which the United Lutheran Church might participate in the World Conference on Faith and Order was approved by the Executive Board:

The Executive Board would call attention in the first place to the Statement approved by the Buffalo Convention (Min. pp. 88-90), especially to the considerations there advanced as counting for and against our taking part in the World Conference on Faith and Order. The facts and considerations there stated remain unchanged by anything that has

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occurred, and they should be carefully weighed before final action is taken.

The Literature of the World Conference on Faith and Order thus far issued, seems to us to give full assurance that it is to be truly a Free Conference. Upon this understanding the Executive Board is of the opinion that we may participate in the Conference provided:

(1) That our representatives may and shall present in love, yet with all frankness, the view of the Lutheran Church on any and all points that may come under discussion,* and specifically

(2) That our representatives may and shall submit for consideration, at the proper time, the whole or any part of the Doctrinal Basis of the United Lutheran Church in America, and also that there shall be accorded a courteous and respectful hearing to their presentation of the doctrines and principles set forth in the Confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. (See Declaration of Principles adopted at Washington, Section C, IV.)

(3) That our representatives shall not take any action involving inconsistency either with our Doctrinal Basis or with any covenanted obligations of the United Lutheran Church to other Lutheran bodies in this country or throughout the world.

(4) That the United Lutheran Church is ready to provide for an annual appropriation toward the expenses of the Conference and also to pay the expenses of its representatives.

We recommend that if the Convention approves this judgment of the Executive Board and desires representation, it instruct the Executive Board to provide for such representation in this Conference.

3. The following statement of conditions upon which the United Lutheran Church might take part in the Universal Conference on Life and Work was also approved with the same recommendation as made concerning participation in the World Conference on Faith and Order:

As regards the Universal Christian Conference on Life and Work, attention is first called to the statement concerning it in the minutes of the Buffalo Convention, pp. 90-92. In addition we believe it desirable to note that although the Conference declares it will not discuss questions of faith, it does desire to know the "mind of Christ" upon the various social, economic, international, and educational problems to be considered. It would seem that any consideration of the mind of Christ must involve a consideration of those things which enter into our Christian faith. Likewise the opening theme for discussion, "The Church's Obligation in View of

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*This statement is all the more necessary in view of the following paragraph from Subjects Committee Papers, September, 1923, p. 7:

"Statements of the existing opinions of the different Churches should not be asked for as part of the programme of the Conference, but the Delegates would, of course, speak from the point of view of the Churches which they represented."

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God's Purpose for the World," can scarcely be considered without reference to questions of faith.

As a second additional item of information it is to be noted that the final subject on the program is "Methods of Co-operative and Federative Efforts by the Christian Communions." In this connection we ought to recognize that there is a manifest desire on the part of some who are leading in this Conference to bring into existence, as a result of the Conference, some form of international, co-operative Christian committee or other organization for further activity. Further in this connection, it should be noted that the membership of the committees of arrangement consist largely of Church leaders and not of special students of the problems to be considered; it is probable that those who attend the Conference will belong more largely to the first class just mentioned than to the second.

As over against these two additional items it is desirable to remember that no action of the Conference will "be binding upon communions without their explicit consent"; "the resolutions passed by the Conference do not commit any Christian communion before being endorsed by that communion."

Viewing the matter as a whole we believe the United Lutheran Church might take part in the Conference under the following conditions:

(1) Certain circulars from the American Committee of Arrangements have included this statement: "It is clearly understood that the Conference will not in any way affect denominational autonomy either in organization, doctrine or administration, and that no ecclesiastical body will be compromised in its distinctive position by participating in the Conference. It is to be a free Conference for mutual benefit; a Conference only." None of the three official announcements from the International Committee has included such a statement. Unofficially it was made known to the officials of the American Committee that some such statement would be desired by the United Lutheran Church. We recommend the adoption by the Chicago Convention of this condition as a basic necessity for participation by the United Lutheran Church. This would seem to be all the more necessary because the Conference has been divided into geographical, not confessional groups and because the Conference would avoid confessional statements. The condition named above amounts practically to a declaration by those who are planning the Conference that no effort will be made to gloss over the fact that confessional differences exist and that the Conference will not be proclaimed as a manifestation of Christian Unity. For Lutherans Christian unity is primarily oneness in faith and its confession.

(2) That our representatives shall be guided by our Declaration of Principles adopted at Washington, especially Section D, concerning Co-

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operative Movements Among the Protestant Churches, and that they shall not assume any attitude or take any action inconsistent therewith.

(3) That the United Lutheran Church will authorize the appointment of four representatives chosen especially in view of their fitness to discuss the problems which will come before the Conference.

(4) That the United Lutheran Church will pay the expenses of these representatives.

4. The Executive Board authorized a further advance (see General Report X, C, 4) of $300 on behalf of the United Lutheran Church toward a budget for the Executive Committee of the Lutheran World Convention.

5. A. At the request of the Board two papers were prepared and submitted to the Executive Board by the Revs. J. A. Clutz, A. G. Voigt, J. A. Morehead, E. C. J. Kraeling and Dr. E. C. Miller, one entitled "A Declaration on the Work of American Protestant Churches in Europe," and the other entitled, "Concerning the Roman Catholic Forward Movement." Paragraph 1 of the first of these papers, with the recommendation contained therein, is presented to the Convention for adoption as follows:

A Declaration on the Work of American Protestant Churches in Europe

"The condition of the Lutheran churches in the countries of Europe still claims the serious concern of Lutherans in America. It is true that great progress has been made in the establishment of a new order out of the dislocations and confusion caused by the World War. The work of reorganization has, for the most part, been successfully accomplished, at least so far as to meet present conditions. The latest instance of such a happy consummation is the recent organization of the first synod of Lutheran churches in Russia. But there is still much to be done for the reconstruction and upbuilding of institutions to meet the demands of a new order of things. The poverty of the churches, the lack of education of congregations in self-support, the insufficiency of ministers and in some places the lack of schools to educate them, these and other weaknesses constitute a strong plea to the Lutherans in America to continue the generous aid which, for several years, they have been extending to their sister churches in Europe to help them to become able to help themselves. Recognizing this claim upon our brotherly love, this Convention of the United Lutheran Church in America heartily reaffirms its purpose to co-operate with other Lutherans the world over, through the National Lutheran Council and the Lutheran World Convention Committee, our own established agencies, in lending further assistance to the Lutheran Churches in Europe to attain to self-support and self-sufficiency for the great work resting upon them."

The Executive Board asks permission of the Convention to withhold the

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remainder of this declaration for further consideration with the understanding that the Board, in the spirit of Christian courtesy and brotherly love, may take such action in the matter as conditions demand and report its action to the next Convention.

B. The Executive Board recommends the adoption of the following paper "concerning the Roman Catholic Forward Movement."

Concerning the Roman Catholic Forward Movement

"It must be patent to all observers that the Roman Catholic Church has most skillfully and vigorously availed itself of the unsettling turmoil caused by the World War and the reconstruction of Europe that followed, to advance its interests, to strengthen its organization, and to institute a general forward movement looking to large conquests. Characteristically of the Roman Church, it has been making full use of its great political power not only in the nations of Europe but throughout the world for its own ends. Protestantism cannot stand idly by and allow Roman Catholic aggression to have free sweep, lest it lose all that was gained in the Reformation of the sixteenth century. It must gird itself to resist this aggression and defend itself against this well-organized and world-wide propaganda. The Lutheran Church in particular has an urgent duty to perform in European countries in protecting itself against losses of property and members by Roman Catholic intrusion.

We therefore recommend that this Convention of the United Lutheran Church in America earnestly request and urge the Executive Committee of the Lutheran World Convention, at the earliest possible date, to take up the present Roman Catholic forward movement for careful study and for such action as in its judgment will conserve the interests of Lutheranism and of Protestantism in general against it."

6. A conference was held with the Executive Committee of the Board of Foreign Missions in regard to the relation of that Board to the question of the sphere of operation of the Board of Foreign Missions as affected by the proposal that the new Board of Home Missions be given the entire Western Hemisphere as its sphere of operations. The Board of Foreign Missions having taken action adverse to the proposed distribution of spheres of operations, the Executive Board adopted the following recommendations which are herewith submitted:

"That the entire matter involving South America be left undecided until the Proposed Home Mission Board, if approved, becomes an established fact.

"Secondly, That at that time the question of South America be referred to this Home Mission Board and the Board of Foreign Missions for joint consideration under the direction of the Executive Board."

7. Dr. Gotwald, Executive Secretary of the Board of Education, informed the Executive Board that plans have been consummated for edu-

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cational co-operation with the Icelandic Synod in the support of their institution at Winnipeg, Canada. The Board of Education desires to appropriate $2,000 a year for their budget. The Executive Board approves this proposition and so recommends to the Convention.

Item 5, A. Adopted.

Item 5, B. Adopted.

Item 7 was adopted.

(For actions on other items of Supplementary Report, see Index, Executive Board, Actions on Report of.—Secy.)

The report of the Executive Board, including the supplementary report, was adopted as a whole.

The Convention resumed consideration of the report of the Committee on Memorials from Constituent Synods.

The answer (XI) to the memorial of the New York and New England Synod concerning literature for the weekday religious schools, etc., was approved.

The answer (XII) in regard to the time for conventions of the United Lutheran Church was adopted.

The answer (XIII) to the memorial of the Wartburg Synod concerning frequency of meetings was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Memorials was adopted as a whole.

Dr. E. Clarence Miller presented the report of the Finance Committee of the Executive Board:

There have been referred to the Finance Committee of the Executive Board the requests for appropriations for the Luther League, the Committee on Army and Navy Work, the Committee on Necrology, and the Committee on Publicity.

We would recommend:

First, That the Executive Board be authorized to pay $5,000 per annum for the apportionment years of 1926 and 1927 out of the United Lutheran Church treasury to the Luther League of America.

Second, That the other requests be referred to the Executive Board for their consideration and action.

The report was adopted as a whole.

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The Chairman of the Committee of Reference and Counsel presented the following suggestions in regard to the next Convention:

Resolved, That we present to the officers for consideration in connection with the preparation of the program for the next convention the following suggestions:

1. That one evening session toward the close of the convention be set aside as a business session, for the consideration of such unfinished business as may seem to require special discussion.
2. That the report of the Committee on Memorials from Synods be set early in the convention, in order that the memorials may come promptly before the delegates and when desirable be referred to Boards, Committees or Synodical delegations concerned.

The suggestions were approved.

The Chairman of the Committee then presented the Rev. Richard Kuehne, D.D., of Lincoln, Nebraska, who addressed the Convention on the relief work in Germany.

The approval of the Minutes of the last session of this Convention, Wednesday, October 29th, was referred to the Executive Board.

The Executive Board was authorized to provide for the printing of the Minutes of this Convention.

On motion to adjourn, the order for the Closing of Synods was used, and the President declared the Convention adjourned.

Adjourned at 1:30 P. M.

M. G. G. SCHERER, *Secretary.*

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OTHER MEETINGS

HOME MISSION DINNER AND CONFERENCE

An inspiring Home Mission Conference, in connection with a dinner given to the students of the various seminaries, was held at Unity Church, Wednesday evening, October 22, 1924. One hundred and sixty attended as follows:

Board Members	16
Women's Missionary Society	2
Secretaries and Superintendents	6
Synodical Superintendents and Field Missionaries	16
Missionary Pastors	47
Students	75

Dr. Seibert, General Secretary, presided. The following was the program:

THEME: HOME MISSIONS

Invocation ..... Rev. J. C. Seegers, D.D.
The Challenge ..... Rev. H. B. Stock, D.D.
The Opportunities ..... District Superintendents
The Sacrifice Demanded ..... Rev. J. E. Bittle, D.D.
The Joy Experienced ..... Rev. F. M. Hanes
The Recruits ..... Pres. S. J. Derrick
The Seminarians' Response—

(Responses were given by representatives of Mount Airy, Gettysburg, Susquehanna, Hamma Divinity, Western and Chicago Seminaries.)

Addresses—

Miss Amelia Kemp, Ex-Secy., W. M. S.; Rev. A. Stewart Hartman, D.D.

America.

Prayer and Benediction ..... Rev. S. J. McDowell, D.D.

THE LUTHERAN BROTHERHOOD

The Lutheran Brotherhood held its eighth convention in Chicago, Illinois, October 20-21, 1924. The program and business sessions were held in the Edgewater Beach Hotel, Monday afternoon and all day Tuesday, Mr. C. J. Driever presiding. The addresses, discussions and conferences on various phases of men's work, as related to the Church, were of such character as to give abundant assurance that the men of the United Lutheran Church

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in America are thoroughly awake to its great and varied interests and can be depended upon for loyal support in all its plans. The banquet on Monday evening, by far the largest in the history of the Brotherhood, was memorable, not only for attendance and enthusiasm, but for the ability and spirit of the various addresses. The prayer was by Dr. J. E. Whitteker, of the Evangelical Lutheran Seminary at Maywood, Ill. The Welcome to Chicago was by Mr. C. J. Driever, and the Response by Mr. E. F. Eilert, of New York. The Toastmaster was Hon. John L. Zimmerman. The speakers and their subjects were:

"Brotherhood Retrospect and Prospect," H. T. Domer, Esq.
"The Lutheran Church and World Evangelism," Dr. H. W. A. Hanson.
"The Message of the Lutheran Church Answering the World's Present-Day Needs," Dr. J. F. Krueger.
"Our Church and Our Country," George B. Cromer, Esq.

Dr. F. H. Knubel brought the greetings of the United Lutheran Church. The business sessions were all characterized by a purpose and readiness to go forward in the part men can take in the Church. The completion of the fund to build a Brotherhood dormitory for our Boys' School in Kumamoto, Japan, was announced and was followed by deciding on larger things for the future. The plan to raise $300,000 to found a Lutheran College in India in the coming biennium was adopted as the definite objective. Following this, in 1927-28, the Brotherhood objective will be the $3,000,000 endowment fund for the Ministerial Pension and Relief Fund.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing two years:

Mr. Charles J. Driever, Chicago, President.
Mr. George M. Jones, Reading, Pa., Vice-President.
Mr. A. F. Sittloh, Denver, Colo., Vice-President.
Mr. William B. Ahlgren, Atlanta, Ga., Vice-President.
Mr. A. H. Homrighaus, Chicago, Recording Secretary.
Mr. C. W. Howe, Chicago, Treasurer.

The Executive Committee remains the same as in the preceding biennium, with Dr. S. S. Waltz as Executive Secretary.

LIST OF BOARDS AND ELECTIVE COMMITTEES

1. Executive Board.
2. Commission of Adjudication.
3. Board of Foreign Missions.
4. Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.
5. Board of Northwestern Missions.
6. Immigrants Mission Board.

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7. West Indies Mission Board.
8. Committee on Jewish Missions.
9. Board of Education.
10. Inner Mission Board.
11. Board of Publication.
12. Board of Ministerial Pensions and Relief.
13. Parish and Church-School Board.
14. Board of Deaconess Work.
15. National Lutheran Home for the Aged.
16. Committee on Church Papers.
17. Executive Committee of the Laymen's Movement.

LIST OF STANDING COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS, ETC.

1. Statistical and Church Year Book Committee.
2. Committee on Common Service Book.
3. Committee on Church Music.
4. Committee on German Interests.
5. Committee on Lutheran Brotherhoods.
6. Committee on Women's Work.
7. Committee on Associations of Young People.
8. Committee on Work Among Boys.
9. Committee on Army and Navy Work.
10. Committee on Moral and Social Welfare.
11. Committee on Evangelism.
12. Committee on Church Architecture.
13. Committee on Publicity.
14. Committee on Necrology.
15. Committee on Transportation.
16. Archivist.
17. Statistical Secretary.
18. Commissioners to the National Lutheran Council.
19. Representative on the Advisory Committee of the American Bible Society.
20. Consultative Representatives to Commissions of the Federal Council of the Churches.
21. Committee on Conference with Y. M. C. A.

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SPECIAL COMMITTEES

1. Committee to conduct the opening and closing services of each session.
2. Committee on Leave of Absence.
3. Committee on Proceedings of District Synods.
4. Committee of Reference and Counsel.
5. Committee to Nominate Executive Committee of Laymen's Movement.
6. Committee to Nominate Members of Boards.
7. Committee to Nominate Members of Executive Board and all elective Commissions or Committees.
8. Committee of Tellers.

BOARDS AND ELECTIVE COMMITTEES

EXECUTIVE BOARD

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Secretary—Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D.D., 437 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Treasurer—E. Clarence Miller, LL.D., 410 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Term Expires 1928

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIFTY-FIRST CONVENTION

of the

GENERAL SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Chicago, Ill., October 21, 1924.

The Fifty-first Convention of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States of America assembled in Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Rev. J. A. Leas, D.D., pastor, at 2 P. M. Rev. Prof. F. P. Manhart, D.D., President, called the members to order and conducted devotional exercises as follows:

Hymn 146.
Scripture, Eph. 4: 1-12.
Suitable Collects, Lord's Prayer.

The Secretary announced that he had received properly certified lists of delegates to the number of one hundred and twenty-nine clerical delegates, and an equal number of lay delegates. The President declared Synod officially constituted and ready for the transaction of business.

ROLL OF DELEGATES

1—Maryland

Rev. John Weidley, D.D.	Mr. W. W. Doub
Rev. W. G. Minnick	Mr. L. Russell Alden, Esq.
Rev. J. B. Rupley	Mr. M. P. Moller
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Rev. William A. Wade	Mr. F. W. Kakel
Rev. M. L. Enders, D.D.	Mr. H. T. Domer, Litt.D.
Rev. J. C. Bowers, D.D.	Mr. E. H. Sharretts
Rev. Prof. A. R. Wentz, Ph.D., D.D.	Mr. Wm. J. Showalter, Sc.D.
Rev. J. L. Hoffman	Mr. M. H. Buehler

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Rev. Luther Kuhlman, D.D.	Mr. A. R. Nissley
Rev. Henry Anstadt, D.D.	Mr. Alex. Diehl
Rev. S. L. Hench	Mr. I. L. Taylor
Rev. W. A. Kump	Mr. Geo. W. Hafer

3—East Ohio

Rev. A. H. Smith, D.D.	Mr. J. F. Mellinger
Rev. E. C. Herman	Mr. F. W. Albrecht
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4 Alleghany

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Rev. A. J. Rudisill, D.D.	Mr. Isaac Harpster
Rev. L. P. Young, D.D.	Mr. C. Luther Lowe
Rev. W. I. Good	Mr. W. E. Dickey
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Rev. M. S. Kemp, Litt.D.	Mr. S. Z. Miller
Rev. George N. Lauffer, D.D.	Mr. A. J. Harter

5—East Pennsylvania

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Rev. J. A. Richter	Mr. J. H. Wagner
Rev. William C. Ney	Mr. Charles A. Good

6—Miami

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Rev. J. B. Birch, D.D.	Mr. William Schaus
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7—Pittsburgh

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Rev. C. E. Rice. D.D.	Mr. H. A. Sloneker
Rev. A. J. Hall	Mr. R. E. Sawyer
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Rev. B. W. Ziegler, D.D.	

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Rev. John B. Gardner	Mr. John E. Speigel
Rev. R. H. Benting	Mr. A. G. Renan
Rev. I. W. Gernert	Mr. O. W. Cromer

10—Northern Illinois

Rev. J. M. Bramkamp, D.D.	Mr. C. J. Driever
Rev. E. C. Harris, D.D.	Mr. C. W. Howe
Rev. W. F. Rex	Mr. H. J. Kable
	Mr. Walter E. White
	Mr. Henry Denhart

11—Central Pennsylvania

Rev. L. Stoy Spangler	Mr. Joseph Dreese
Rev. M. S. Cressman, D.D.	Hon. C. L. Cramley
Rev. J. Grover Knipple	Mr. W. E. Benner
Rev. W. P. Ard	Mr. W. C. Garber

12—Iowa

Rev. C. N. Swihart, D.D.	Mr. John L. Berger
Rev. Prof. Holmes Dysinger, D.D.	Mr. J. L. Sawyer
Rev. S. M. Lesher, D.D.	Mr. Lee D. Koser

13—Northern Indiana

Rev. Ralph D. Wheadon	Mr. W. W. Anderson
Rev. Prof. L. S. Keyser, D.D.	Dr. B. F. Titlers
Rev. David R. Huber, D.D.	Mr. O. O. Shafer

14—Central Illinois

15—Susquehanna

Rev. O. E. Sunday	Prof. Geo. E. Fisher, Ph.D.
Rev. I. S. Sassaman, D.D.	Dr. A. M. Hall
Rev. B. F. Bieber	Mr. J. Frank Daugherty
Rev. H. W. Miller	Mr. G. B. Reimensnyder
Rev. F. P. Manhart, D.D.	Mr. David Wardrop

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Rev. George Dorn	Mr. G. Hahn
Rev. K. de Freese	Mr. I. N. Augustine
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Rev. E. E. Ortlepp, D.D.	Mr. Charles Scholz
Rev. E. T. Finck	Mr. William Buslap

19—California

Rev. Herman Gehrcke	Mr. R. A. Kuner
Rev. Wm. E. Crouser, D.D.	Mr. E. A. Morrison
Rev. Daniel J. Snyder	Mr. W. J. Gram

20 German Nebraska

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Rev. E. Walter	Mr. Gerhard Hilgen
Rev. E. Klotsche	Mr. Carl Losecke
Rev. P. Waldschmidt	Mr. John Roehrig
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Rev. J. A. Bahnsen	Mr. Carl Goll
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Rev. G. Duehrkop	Mr. H. Busselmann

21—Rocky Mountain

Rev. M. F. Troxell, D.D.	Mr. George W. Fogelman
Rev. J. C. Jacoby, D.D.	Mr. A. F. Sittloh

22—Southern Illinois

23—New York

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Rev. F. E. Oberlander, D.D.	Mr. Frank Grumback
Rev. Carl Zinssmeister, D.D.	Mr. Henry Streibert
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Rev. A. J. Traver	Mr. T. Coon
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Rev. W. G. Boomhower	Mr. H. Greenwald
Rev. A. L. Dillenbeck	Mr. William Horn
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Rev. T. W. Keller	Mr. C. H. Wilsnack
Rev. E. J. Kueling	Mr. Harry Yarwood
Rev. W. E. Pierce	Dr. H. Yeckel
Rev. G. J. Reumann	Mr. F. H. Wefer

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24—West Virginia

Rev. C. E. Butler	Mr. J. C. Lynch
Rev. Simon Snyder	Mr. W. W. Wolf

TREASURER'S REPORT

JOHN L. ZIMMERMAN, *In Account With the General Synod of The Lutheran Church*

1924

Sept. 9—Received of Executor of Charles Crivel Estate..... .....$200.00
For Tressler Orphans' Home

Oct. 30—Paid George E. Neff, Treasurer $200.00

Philadelphia, Pa., October 19, 1924.

To the General Synod of the Lutheran Church in the United States of America:

As Treasurer of the Pastors' Fund Society of the General Synod, and as the Committee of One appointed by the Board of Ministerial Relief of the United Lutheran Church in America to ascertain how best to bring about the transfer of the Pastors' Fund Society moneys and securities to the Board of Ministerial Relief, I presented at your meeting in Buffalo in 1922 a plan to bring about this end. The plan was adopted by this Synod and in due time the tender was made in accord with that plan, and accepted, which plan provided that the cash and securities of the Pastors' Fund Society be made a "trust fund," the income only to be used for the "relief of need" of superannuated ministers and their widows.

This tender was promptly accepted by the Board of Ministerial Relief and it is now known as the Relief Endowment Fund of the Board. The income of this Endowment, together with the special contributions received from individuals, churches, Sunday schools, missionary and other Church societies, has enabled the Board to do some real meritorious relief work, supplementing the pension checks where urgent need existed or special distress overtook some pensioner.

Contributions in any amount will be received and placed in the Endowment Fund, or in the Relief Current Fund, which is the "income" fund from which all relief disbursements are made.

According to our ledger as of July 31, 1924, the Relief Endowment Fund now amounts to $90,402.97, $25,823.00 of which amount represents Annuities on which the Board is still paying interest. There was also $7,858.42 in cash in the Relief Current account. Something over $3,000.00 was distributed this month to those in greatest need, in amounts ranging from $12.50 to $50.00.

We are now making four distributions a year—at Christmas, Easter, July (vacation time), and October (cold weather preparation season).

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There are still some bequests due this Pastors' Fund Society that we have record of, the latest one appearing in the newspapers just as I was leaving Philadelphia to attend this Convention. The amount was given as $2,500.00, and when received it will be added to the Endowment Fund.

Very respectfully yours,

J. H. BRANDT, *Treasurer.*

The foregoing report was adopted, subject to the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Board of Ministerial Relief be requested to return to this body for cancellation the deed of trust from the Pastors' Fund Society conveying certain funds, and to declare itself seized of these funds now in its hands, received from the Pastors' Fund Society, subject to the trusts on them originally impressed.

The President appointed the following as Trustees of the Pastors' Fund Society, namely: Rev. M. H. Valentine, D.D., Rev. A. Pohlman, D.D., Rev. Edgar Grim Miller, D.D., Mr. J. H. Brandt, and Mr. J. P. Tustin.

Feghtly Home

Substituting the name of Rev. E. R. Capewell for that of Rev. Dr. Guard, the Trustees of the Home were re-elected as follows:

Rev. E. R. Capewell	Mrs. W. H. Bitner
Rev. D. Frank Garland, D.D.	Mrs. C. B. Herr
Rev. C. J. Kiefer, D.D.	Mrs. A. R. Garver
Leonard H. Shipman, Esq.	Mrs. E. L. Crane
Eric J. Weaver, Esq.	Mrs. Salina Belmer
Mr. A. L. Harshberger	Mrs. C. U. Briggs

It was moved that the Feghtly Home be referred to the Synod of Ohio for action, and report to this body.

Reformation Diamond Jubilee Advance Fund

Touching this Fund, Rev. L. B. Wolf, D.D., Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions, presented the following statement:

Amount in cash, at the last Convention prior to the merger, was	$88,930.80
Whole amount of cash received	$257,011.37
Amount invested for higher education, one-third of cash received	$85,670.00
Amount expended, to date, on all projects in India and Africa	$79,627.52
Balance in Fund	$91,713.85

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Upon motion the ballot was cast for the re-election of the present officers of the General Synod, as follows:

President—Rev. Prof. Frank P. Manhart, D.D.
Secretary—Rev. Luther Kuhlman, D.D.
Treasurer—Hon. John L. Zimmerman, LL.D.

It was moved and carried that the General Synod hereby appoints and constitutes the Boards, Commissions, Committees and other agencies of the United Lutheran Church to be also its Boards, Commissions, Committees and other agencies, to administer its work represented in and by these several Boards, Commissions, Committees and other agencies of the United Lutheran Church and under the direction and authority of the said United Lutheran Church.

The Minutes of the Convention were read and approved.

Adjournment

The President then requested the Rev. Harlan K. Fenner, D.D., to pronounce the benediction, whereupon the President declared the General Synod adjourned, to meet at the time and place selected by the Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church in America.

LUTHER KUHLMAN, *Secretary.*

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MINUTES OF THE THIRTY-NINTH CONVENTION

of the

GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN NORTH AMERICA

UNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, CORNER BALMORAL AND MAGNOLIA AVENUES, CHICAGO, ILL.

Tuesday, October 21, 1924, 2.00 P. M.

The Thirty-ninth Convention of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America was called to order by the President, the Rev. Fred. H. Bosch.

The opening devotional service was conducted by the Rev. Theo. Posselt. The hymn was 224 and the Scripture lesson was Matt. 16: 13-19.

The Minutes of the Thirty-eighth Annual Convention were approved as printed.

The President presented the following report:

Chicago, Ill., October 21, 1924.

To the Members of the General Council, GREETING:

MY DEAR BRETHREN: Grace be unto you and peace from God our Father and from our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

This meeting of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America is called in accordance with the wish and direction of the Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church in America.

It is self-evident that since the merger and the organization of the United Lutheran Church, the General Council as a separate body does not carry on the work of our beloved Church as formerly, inasmuch as the United Lutheran Church has undertaken the various spheres of activity formerly occupied by the General Council. The members of the General Council, pastors and congregations have, I am sure, taken the same active part in the work of the Kingdom with the same zeal as when the General

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Council had its own particular work to do, separate and apart from the General Synod and the United Synod in the South. Consequently there is practically nothing to report concerning the separate activity of the General Council.

I feel it to be my sacred duty to call to the attention of the General Council that God, in His wisdom and love, has, during the past biennium, called from the spheres of their respective labors many tried and trusted servants who have been active and influential in our body, men consecrated to our Master and His Church, ever zealous in the discharge of their exalted office, devoted to the service of the Church. I refer to E. Augustus Miller, Esq., Hon. William H. Staake, Rev. Dr. G. C. Berkemeier, Rev. Dr. E. Balfour, Mr. Robert E. Gaskell, Prof. S. P. Sadtler, Ph.D., LL.D. I am sure the General Council will not fail to give expression of its gratitude to God for His grace bestowed upon our beloved Church through the service of these men.

At the last meeting of the General Council it was resolved to request the United Lutheran Church to apply the money paid over by the Treasurer of the General Council to a memorial to the late Rev. T. E. Schmauk, D.D., LL.D. It would interest the General Council to learn whether the United Lutheran Church has acceded to the request of the General Council, and if so, in what manner our wishes were carried out.

The Board of Trustees of the General Council has nothing to report, as no meetings of the Board were held. At two separate times I caused a call to be issued for a meeting of the Board, but only two or three members appeared and no meeting was held. As a consequence, no successor to the late E. Augustus Miller, Esq., Secretary of the Board, could be elected.

As the General Council is a corporate and legal body, whose existence must be continued indefinitely, it will be necessary to elect officers and members of the various Boards at this meeting. It might be advisable to extend the time for the expiration of the terms of members on the various Boards, whose term of office expires next year, 1925.

May the Holy Spirit direct us in our deliberations and add His divine blessing.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED. H. BOSCH, *President.*

The above report was received.

On motion the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the Convention for the present officers. The following were declared elected:

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Rev. Fred. H. Bosch, President.
Rev. W. L. Stough, D.D., Secretary.
Rev. E. A. Tappert, German Secretary.
Rev. F. A. Kaehler, D.D., English Corresponding Secretary.
Rev. Prof. H. Offermann, D.D., German Corresponding Secretary.
Mr. J. B. Franke, Treasurer.

On motion the Secretary cast the ballot for the following:

Foreign Mission Board

Term Expiring in 1926—Rev. Prof. C. Theo. Benze, D.D.; Rev. R. C. G. Bielinski; Rev. E. P. Pfatteicher, Ph.D., D.D.; Rev. J. A. Dewald; Rev. A. Steimle, D.D.; Mr. H. G. G. Querns; Mr. James M. Snyder.

The Trustees of the General Council were authorized to fill all existing vacancies in Boards until the time of the next regular election.

On motion the President was instructed to appoint a committee on nominations to fill vacancies in the Board of Trustees, said committee to withdraw at once and report before adjournment of this body. The following committee was appointed: Rev. P. Geo. Sieger, D.D., Mr. Harry Hodges, and Rev. G. W. Sandt, D.D., LL.D.

The report made by the committee was as follows: For the unexpired term of Mr. R. E. Gaskell, one year, Robert Bowe, of New York, N. Y.; for the vacancies created by the death of the Hon. William H. Staake and E. Aug. Miller, Esq., term to expire in 1926, the Hon. F. M. Riter and Mr. R. Anderman, both of Philadelphia, Pa.; for the term expiring in 1927, the Rev. Prof. H. Offermann and George M. Jones, Esq., of Reading, Pa. The report was received and the Secretary, on motion, cast the ballot of the Convention for the above nominees.

The matter of the proposed memorial to the Rev. T. E. Schmauk, D.D., LL.D., referred to in the report of the Presi-

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dent, was committed to the following committee to formulate a suitable resolution: Rev. W. D. C. Keiter, D.D., Rev. W. M. Horn, Rev. F. M. Urich, D.D. The following report was presented by the committee and adopted by the Convention:

Resolved, That in the matter of the request made of the United Lutheran Church in America to establish a suitable memorial for the Rev. Dr. T. E. Schmauk, the General Council pledges itself to heartily support the proposition; and we recommend that a committee be appointed to take charge of the work and in consultation with the committee of the Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church in America, report a definite plan to the next convention of the General Council.

The item in the report of the President referring to deceased brethren was adopted by a rising vote and a brief silent meditation.

Regret was expressed at the absence from this Convention of the Rev. Prof. H. E. Jacobs, D.D., LL.D., S.T.D., and the Secretary was instructed so to advise him. In this same connection, the President was instructed to convey to Dr. Jacobs on the occasion of his 80th birthday anniversary, November 10th, the greetings, congratulations and appreciative regard of this convention.

With reference to possible property transfers in the Virgin Islands, it was

Resolved, That in the absence of the Trustees of this body, its officers be and hereby are authorized and empowered to execute deeds or other necessary legal documents.

The Convention extended a vote of thanks to the pastor, church council and congregation of Unity Lutheran Church for the use of their church for this meeting.

The following delegates reported their presence:

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I. The Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and the Adjacent States.

Organized August 15 (New Style, 26) A. D., 1748

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. H. A. Weller, D.D.	D. D. Fritch, M.D.
Rev. W. D. C. Keiter, D.D.	Mr. James M. Snyder
Rev. G. W. Sandt, D.D., LL.D.	John L. Potteiger, Esq.
Rev. W. L. Stough, D.D.	Mr. Harry Hodges
Rev. I. B. Kurtz, D.D.	Mr. Charles H. Esser
Rev. John C. Mattes	Mr. H. G. G. Querns
Rev. P. Geo. Sieger, D.D.	J. F. Trexler, M.D.
Rev. L. D. Ulrich	Mr. P. J. Laubach
Rev. Preston A. Laury, D.D.	
Rev. Gomer C. Rees, D.D.	
Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, D.D.	
Rev. R. B. Lynch	
Rev. Frank M. Urich, D.D.	
Rev. James F. Lambert, D.D.	
Rev. H. S. Kidd	
Rev. Adolph Hellwege	
Rev. Zenan M. Corbe	
Rev. W. L. Hunton, Ph.D., D.D.	

II. The Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of the State of New York and Adjacent States and Countries.

Organized October 23, A. D. 1784

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. Fred. H. Bosch	Mr. Geo. Bohrer
Rev. Theo. O. Posselt	Mr. Henry D. Brandes
Rev. J. A. W. Kirsch	Mr. Ernest C. Muncke
Rev. G. A. Bierdeman, D.D.	Mr. Theo. Roehrs
Rev. Justus F. Holstein, Ph.D.	Mr. Martin Wulff
Rev. S. G. von Bosse	Mr. Jacob Schantz
Rev. H. C. Wasmund	Mr. William Intemann
	Mr. Henry Kruse

III. Pittsburgh Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Organized January 15, A. D. 1845

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. Charles P. McLaughlin, D.D.	Hon. Charles Young
Rev. John J. Myers	Mr. J. Louis Frederick
Rev. B. F. Hankey	Mr. William E. Yeager
Rev. G. A. Benze, D.D.	Mr. J. Warren Hemte
Rev. Ernest A. Tappert, D.D.	
Rev. F. W. Kohler	
Rev. Henry H. Bagger	
Rev. C. A. Dennig	
Rev. A. P. Lentz	
Rev. John Jay Hill	
Rev. J. S. Shaud	

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IV. Texas Synod.

Organized November 10, A. D. 1851

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. E. A. Sievert	

V. Synod of Canada.

Organized July 21, A. D. 1861

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. Otto C. D. Klaehn, D.D.	Mr. Louis Peine
	Mr. H. Pauli

VI. Chicago Synod.

Organized A. D. 1896

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. S. P. Long, D.D.	

VII. Manitoba Synod.

Organized July 16, A. D. 1897

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. H. W. Harms	
Rev. E. Tuerkheim	

IX. New York and New England Synod.

Organized September 23, A. D. 1902

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. Samuel Trexler, D.D.	Mr. H. W. Ungerer
	Mr. Frederick Henrich

X. Central Canada Synod.

Organized November 11, A. D. 1908

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. J. Maurer, D.D.	Mr. J. C. Klaehn

The following visitors reported their presence:

Rev. M. R. Kunkelman	Rev. A. C. E. Grotke
Rev. Arnold F. Keller	Rev. C. R. Tappert

The Convention adjourned at 4.15 P. M., with the Lord's Prayer and the Benediction.

WILLIAM L. STOUGH, *Secretary*.

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MINUTES OF THE UNITED SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN THE SOUTH

ROGERS PARK LUTHERAN CHURCH

Chicago, Illinois, October 21, 1924.

At the call of the Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church in America, the Nineteenth Biennial Convention of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South met in Rogers Park Lutheran Church, Chicago, Ill., at 2 P. M., October 21, 1924. Owing to the death of the President, the Rev. M. M. Kinard, Ph.D., D.D., and the absence of the Vice-President, the Rev. Wm. Hoppe, D.D., the Secretary, the Rev. C. W. Cassell, called the Convention to order and presided until the election of a President. After singing Hymn No. 164, the Convention was formally opened with the use of the Order for the Opening of Synod. Mr. W. B. Clark was elected Secretary pro tem. The official roll of the Convention as presented by the Secretary of the United Lutheran Church in America was called and the absentees noted.

Roll of Synods and Delegates

Synod of North Carolina

Clerical—Rev. J. L. Morgan, D.D., Rev. A. G. Voigt, D.D., LL.D., Rev. J. F. Crigler, D.D., Rev. J. C. Dietz, Rev. E. H. Kohn, Ph.D., *Rev. L. A. Thomas, *Rev. A. R. Beck, Rev. W. J. Finck, D.D., Rev. P. J. Bane.

Lay—*James D. Heilig, *W. L. Dixon, *W. K. Mauney, *Hon. B. B. Miller, *A. R. Rhyne, *Dr. R. W. Leiby, *Prof. George F. McAllister, *Hon. L. M. Swink, J. V. Sutton.

Synod of South Carolina

Clerical—Rev. H. J. Black, *Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D.D., Rev. C. A. Freed, D.D., Rev. H. A. McCullough, D.D., Rev. W. H. Greever, D.D., Rev. P. D. Brown.

*Absent.

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Lay—*Prof. J. S. Derrick, LL.D., *Hon. C. M. Efird, R. C. Counts, *Hon. George B. Cromer, LL.D., *Prof. James C. Kinard, *B. B. Hare, Esq.

Synod of Virginia

Clerical—Rev. C. Brown Cox, D.D., *Rev. J. J. Scherer, Jr., D.D., Rev. R. H. Anderson, Rev. J. L. Sieber, D.D., Rev. George H. Rhodes, Rev. C. L. Miller, D.D., Rev. J. A. Huffard, D.D.

Lay—*A. B. Greiner, M.D., *W. T. Stauffer, Esq., *Hon. H. L. Bonham, *Harry E. Pugh, *J. A. Alexander, Esq., *A. D. Smith, *E. L. Keiser.

Synod of Georgia

Clerical—*Rev. W. E. Pugh, Rev. T. W. Shealy.

Lay—*H. C. Lorick, W. B. Clark.

Synod of Mississippi

Clerical—Rev. J. B. Guiney.

Lay—Ed. Kreucher.

On motion of the Chairman of the South Carolina Synod delegation the names of Messrs. F. W. Seegars and H. B. Snyder were substituted for the names of Prof. Jas. C. Kinard and B. B. Hare, Esq.

On motion of the Chairman of the Virginia Synod delegation the name of the Rev. C. W. Cassell was substituted for that of the Rev. J. A. Huffard, and the name of Mr. H. L. Snyder was substituted for that of J. A. Alexander, Esq.

The Convention now went into the election of President. After the second ballot a motion prevailed instructing the Secretary to cast the unanimous ballot for the Rev. A. G. Voigt for President, he having led in each of the two ballots. The Secretary having cast the ballot the newly elected President took the chair.

The Convention suspended business for a brief period for an informal conference.

*Absent.

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Upon resuming business the Treasurer, Mr. J. D. Cappelman, read his report which was received and referred to the Auditing Committee, consisting of Messrs. J. V. Sutton, H. L. Snyder, and H. B. Snyder.

Treasurer's Report

REPORT OF J. D. CAPPELMANN

Treasurer, United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South
Charleston, S. C., October 16, 1924

(For next previous report see Minutes U. L. C. Buffalo Convention, pages 564 *et seq.* October 12, 1922.)

Receipts

Balance on hand per last account	$3,394.65
Interest Hotel Huffry Bonds, payable March, 1923, September, 1923, March, 1924	647.25
Interest on Bank balances	.49
Interest Hotel Huffry Bonds September, 1924, less exchange	216.00
Total receipts	$4,258.39

Disbursements

November, 1922, Paid Orphan Home, Salem, Va., Lown Legacy	$2,000.00	
November, 1922, Paid Foreign Mission Board, Lown Legacy	500.00	
November, 1922, Paid Home Mission Board, Lown Legacy	500.00	
November, 1922, Paid Treasurer's expenses to Buffalo to Convention	$94.01	
Refund from U. L. C.	40.01	
	54.02	
November, 1922, Paid Orphan Home, share interest	113.54	
November, 1922, Paid Foreign Board, share interest	113.54	
November, 1922, Paid Home Board, share interest	113.54	
April, 1924, Paid Orphan Home, share interest	215.75	
April, 1924, Paid Foreign Board, share interest	215.75	
April, 1924, Paid Home Board, share interest	215.75	
		4,041.89
Balance on hand		$216.50

Distributable

One-third to Orphan Home	$72.17	
One-third to Foreign Board	72.17	
One-third to Home Board	72.16	
		216.50

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The Treasurer surrendered the $7,200 of Bonds of the Hotel Huffry Company at Hickory, N. C., bearing 6 per cent interest, semi-annually, Nos. 1 to 72, each for $100 and received in return Bonds of same Company, Nos. 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30, each for $1,000, and No. 50 for $500, total $7,500, next coupon being payable March 1, 1925, the interest being 6 per cent. The exchange so made effectuates what is equal to a 7 per cent investment. The Trust Deed securing this issue is made to Security Trust Company, of Hickory, N. C., regarded as efficient and responsible from whose letter of September 13, 1924, is quoted the following:

"The method of making a 6 per cent bond a 7 per cent investment is done by selling the bonds below par. This is expressly authorized by statute. In this case a $100 five-year 6 per cent Bond is sold for $95.84 and will net 7 per cent. For your $7,200 old bonds you will get in exchange $7,500 par value new Bonds and $12 in cash."

The Treasurer personally investigated the property mortgaged and estimates it worth easily double the amount of the $40,000 loan made thereon in the issue of bonds of which the Bonds so received are a part, the will of Mr. Huffman requiring that in all loans of funds given by him, the Treasurer of the United Synod should be satisfied that the property mortgaged is worth double the amount to be loaned thereon.

The Treasurer holds the written opinion of Messrs. Self, Bagby and Aiken, Attorneys of Hickory, N. C., who are the attorneys employed by the Trust Company, by which it appears that all requirements of law have been complied with and the Trust Company has reported that the old mortgage securing the old issue has been duly canceled of record.

The Treasurer acted in this matter on consultation with the Executive Committee, Secretary Cassell of Synod, and with Hon. C. M. Efird, as counsel. The President of the Synod, Dr. M. M. Kinard, being deceased, he applied to Vice-President Dr. William Hoppe, who, being about to leave for Europe, directed the Treasurer to confer with the Executive Committee and Secretary Cassell.

Under Mr. Huffman's will one-third of the above bonds and the $12 in cash is investment for the Foreign Mission Work, one-third for Home Mission Work and one-third for Lutheran Orphan Home.

Hon. C. M. Efird, acting as counsel for United Synod, will probably report to Synod the progress being made in having the United Lutheran Church of America substituted as Trustee in place of the United Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN D. CAPPELMANN, *Treasurer.*

Chicago, Ill., October 20, 1924.

The Rev. J. L. Morgan read the report of the Executive Committee, which was adopted.

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Report of Executive Committee

The only business claiming the attention of the Executive Committee during the past biennium was a request from Mr. J. D. Cappelmann, Treasurer of this body, for an opinion as to the advisability of reinvesting the Huffman will funds, in first mortgage bonds of the Huffry Hotel Company, of Hickory, N. C. After inquiring into the matter, it was given as the opinion of the Committee that such an investment would be satisfactory.

Respectfully submitted,
J. L. MORGAN, *Chairman.*

The Rev. C. A. Freed reported for the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, saying that all matters pertaining to the Board had been handled by the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the United Lutheran Church in America. The report was adopted.

Revs. P. D. Brown, W. J. Finck and R. H. Anderson were appointed a committee to nominate members for Boards and an Executive Committee.

The following resolution offered by the Rev. C. A. Freed was adopted:

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be authorized to examine the representation of District Synods in the Boards of the Theological Seminary, the Orphan Home and the Lowman Home, and that the Committee report its findings to the next Convention of this body.

The following report of the Board of Foreign Missions was read by the Secretary, and was received and adopted:

Report of the Board of Foreign Missions

(For the Biennium, October 17, 1922, to October 17, 1924)

Members of the Board—The following were elected by the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South during its Eighteenth Biennial Convention held at Buffalo, N. Y., October 17, 1922: Revs. M. J. Epting, D.D., W. Hoppe, D.D., George J. Gongaware, D.D., T. W. Shealy, D. B. Groseclose, and Messrs. J. H. Paulsen and S. H. Schirmer. The Board was convened immediately after the adjournment of the United Synod and was organized by the election of officers. No necessity arose for subsequent meetings.

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A matter requiring official attention during the biennium was a transaction in connection with the estate of the late Mr. J. E. Cooper, of Winchester, Va. After zealous and faithful service during a period of thirteen years on the Board of Missions and Church Extension and eight years on the Board of Foreign Missions, Mr. Cooper was received into the glory of the Church Triumphant in heaven, March 26, 1922. Under his will, this Board, jointly with the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, became a residuary legatee by the following bequest:

"All the rest and residue of my estate, after the foregoing specific bequests have been paid or set aside, I give, devise and bequest absolutely to the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, and the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, both of which Boards have been incorporated under the laws of the State of South Carolina, said estate to be divided *share and share alike* between said Boards, and to be used by them at their discretion in prosecution of the Foreign and Home Missionary work for which they were organized. I charge the said Boards faithfully to employ these funds in promulgation of the doctrine of the Holy Gospel as held and taught by the Evangelical Lutheran Church. If investments from this bequest are made in property I charge the Board to use the utmost caution and diligence that the funds so invested will not be jeopardized or become unprofitable, but that they may remain a constant source of blessing to the Church. I further request the Board to make the reading of my will a regular item of the order of business at each of the meetings when disposition of these funds is proposed."

In obedience to a citation from the Corporation Court, Winchester, Va., and after consulting the officials of the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Lutheran Church in America, at the request and upon the authority of the said officials, the president of this Board (United Synod) appeared in the Corporation Court, February 18, 1924, and examined the records of the estate of Mr. J. E. Cooper, with special reference to the appraisement as bearing upon the inheritance tax laws of the State of Virginia. The appraisement as filed in the Court shows:

Total assets, real and personal		$115,964.87
Charges against the Estate:		
Specific bequests	$12,000.00	
Debts and cost of administration	2,300.75	
Properties included originally in the appraisement, but subsequently ascertained to have been given by codicil to the sister of the testator	19,000.00	
		33,300.75
Total residue of property		$82,664.12

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The residue consists of realty (Lutheran Church site) in the city of Portsmouth, Va., (appraised at $50,000.00), bonds, notes and mortgages. Listed among the assets is a bond charged against the United Synod Board in the sum of $2,500.00 This is the annuity bond given Mr. Cooper by the Foreign Mission Board of the United Synod, said bond taking the place of an agreement between Mr. Cooper and the sainted President Holland, in October, 1915. The conditions of the bond were complied with by the United Synod Board and by the Board of the United Lutheran Church since the merger and up to the time of the death of Mr. Cooper. The bond is, therefore, void and the total residue shown should be reduced by the amount represented by the bond, viz., $2,500.00.

Representing the two Boards of Foreign Missions, the president of the Board of the United Synod experienced no difficulty in arriving at an understanding and effecting an agreement with the executor and his attorney and the Corporation Court that the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Lutheran Church in America is in all respects the legal successor of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South. Accordingly, negotiations looking to the final settlement of the estate of Mr. J. E. Cooper, deceased, will be transacted by the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Church and final settlement made with said Board, which Board is already functioning.

Respectfully submitted,

M. J. EPTING,
W. HOPPE,
GEORGE J. GONGAWARE,
T. W. SHEALY,
D. B. GROSECLOSE,
J. H. PAULSEN,
S. H. SCHIRMER.

The Committee on Nominations recommended the following as members of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension: Revs. C. A. Freed, C. K. Bell, J. F. Crigler, A. D. R. Hancher, and Messrs. A. H. Kohn, John Kellenberg, D. F. Efird.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to cast the unanimous vote of the Convention for these brethren. This being done, they were declared elected.

The same committee recommended the names of Revs. M. J. Epting, Wm. Hoppe, Geo. J. Gongaware, T. W. Shealy, D. B. Groseclose, and Messrs. J. H. Paulsen and S. H. Shirmer as members of the Foreign Mission Board.

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On motion, the Secretary was instructed to cast the unanimous ballot of the Convention for these brethren. This being done, they were declared elected.

The committee further recommended the names of the Revs. J. L. Morgan, J. J. Scherer, Jr., A. G. Voigt, Hon. B. B. Miller and Hon. L. M. Swink as those constituting the Executive Committee. The Secretary was instructed to cast the unanimous vote of the Convention for these brethren. This being done, they were declared elected.

Th Auditing Committee rendered the following report which was adopted:

Report of Auditing Committee

The committee appointed to audit and vouch report of Treasurer of Synod find same correct and properly vouched and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the report of John D. Cappelmann, Treasurer, dated October 20th, be received as information and spread on the minutes, that the exchange of bonds reported by him therein is approved and ratified, and that it is hereby directed that there be paid over one-third of the $216.50 reported in hand to the Treasurer of the Home Mission Board of the United Lutheran Church in America as successor to this Board, one-third to the Treasurer of the Foreign Mission Board, and one-third to the Treasurer of the Orphan Home in Salem, Va.

Resolved further, That the transfer and delivery of the said bonds so reported in the hands of the Treasurer of the United Lutheran Church in America is authorized and directed to be made as soon as the counsel of this Synod, Hon. C. M. Efird, (or such other counsel as the Executive Committee of this Synod may indicate), shall advise in writing that the United Lutheran Church in America has been substituted as Trustee in place of this Synod and authorized to assume and execute the trust devolving on this Synod by the last will and testament of the late W. P. Huffman in his lifetime at Hickory, N. C.

J. V. SUTTON,
H. B. SNYDER,
H. L. SNYDER,
Auditing Committee.

The following statement from the Hon. C. M. Efird was read and received as information:

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1. The Cover Fund has been transferred to the First National Bank, Salem, Va., as Trustee.
2. The Swygert Fund has been transferred to the Seminary as Trustee.
3. The Huffman Fund will be transferred to the United Lutheran Church as Trustee as soon as practicable.

On motion the Executive Committee was instructed to endeavor to provide for the traveling expenses of Secretary, the Rev. C. W. Cassell, to the Convention.

On motion the Revs. A. G. Voigt and J. L. Morgan were appointed to prepare a memorial to our late President, the Rev. M. M. Kinard, and place it in the hands of the Secretary, to be printed in the Minutes.

Memorial to President Kinard

During the past biennium of the United Synod it fell to us to mourn the death of the President, the Rev. M. M. Kinard, D.D. While we mourn his departure, we take comfort and are thankful to God for the life of useful service he was enabled to give to the Church. This is not the place to record the earnest striving of the ambitious youth to get the necessary education to qualify him for the ministry of the Gospel, nor the years of faithful service of the mature man as a pastor in Columbia, S. C., Knoxville, Tenn., Salisbury, N. C., and Winston-Salem, N. C., nor even the active and distinguished part he took and the high offices he filled in the Synods of which he was successively a member. It is in his long and prominent connection with the United Synod that we here cherish his memory. We recall the faithful and distinguished services he rendered to the Church as a member of many of its conventions, as a member of Committees and Boards, as its vice-president for four years, and as its able president from his election in 1918 until his lamented death on March 13, 1924.

The Lord has called him from his labors in the Church on earth; the memory of his faithful services and his pleasing personality remain with us.

J. L. MORGAN,
A. G. VOIGT,
Committee.

The Secretary pro tem was instructed by the Convention to cast the unanimous ballot for the Rev. C. W. Cassell for Secretary. This being done he was declared elected.

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The Secretary was instructed by the Convention to cast the unanimous ballot for the Rev. C. A. Freed for Vice-President. This being done, he was declared elected.

The Secretary was instructed by the Convention to cast the unanimous ballot for Mr. J. D. Cappelman for Treasurer. This being done, he was declared elected.

The following resolution was presented and passed by unanimous vote:

Resolved, That this Convention hereby expresses its most hearty appreciation to Pastor Hogshead and his congregation for the privilege of meeting in his church for this Convention of the United Synod in the South, and that Pastor Hogshead be requested to inform his congregation of this action on next Sunday.

The Minutes were read and approved.

The Convention was closed with the use of the Order for the Closing of Synod.

C. W. CASSELL, *Secretary.*

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